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Creek widening destroys volunteer planting efforts

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The most obvious lessons from the most painful to learn. In the case of a citizen-driven project to restore Cerrito Creek, the lesson is that you can't build a house without a solid foundation.

The local creek-restoration community rattled last week by a letter from restoration volunteer Jim Cunradi, published in the Journal, claiming the Urban Creeks Council "high-handedly" decided to widen the waterway, destroying a large part of the work which had already been done on the creek. The coordinator for the council, however, maintains that the widening was crucial to the project's success and that the great

tragedy in this case stems from a lack of communication.

The problem arose on the weekend of May 11, when an excavator, operated by the East Bay Conservation Corps and paid for by \$5,000 grants from Albany and Berkeley, was brought in to expand a block-long stretch of the creek from eight to 15 feet wide. Unfortunately, much of the seven feet of earth that was removed contained the landscaping work of a separate group of volunteers who meet at the site every weekend.

And, to make matters worse, Richard Register, the leader of the group and apparently its sole liaison with the council, was out of the country at the time, so that the first notice any of the group members had was when they returned to the once well-manicured site and found it looking more like a construction zone.

According to Cunradi, a "poorly-supervised operator" came in with the excavator and did extensive damage to more than a year's worth

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Greg Hugunin

A bulldozer was used to widen the creek's path (above), destroying new trees and vegetation planted by volunteers.

New fire district under consideration

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito City Council has taken a first step toward placing a city-wide Fire Assessment Benefit Assessment on the November ballot. Four council members agreed that \$125 is the amount to aim for as an assessment for single family residences. The council is expected to formally vote to place the matter on the ballot at its June 17 meeting.

The move was recommended by a citizens Finance Task Force, though the group had set \$75 as the proposed assessment amount.

Three years ago, the council discussed establishing a fire assessment district under its own authority. Certain citizens, however, challenged that action; the law requires that such a challenge (involving a specific percentage of the property owners involved) be taken to the ballot.

Rather than placing the proposed assessment on the ballot, the city council chose to bring a public safety measure before the voters, since it would provide more visibility in expenditure of the revenues generated. The tax was approved by a simple majority of El Cerrito's voters; it failed to receive the 2/3 majority vote required.

At that time, passage of a fire assessment district required a 2/3 majority. Since that time, state law has changed; now a simple, 50-plus percent majority is required for passage.

Revenues for the city's general operating budget are subject to change now as they were at that time. Several years ago, the state began retaining for its own budget tax revenues that had traditionally gone to the cities where they were generated. Now, certain taxes established by cities (and on which they depend) have been threatened by a recent decision of the state supreme court.

More threats are upcoming. If the so-called "Right to Vote on Taxes Act" passes in November, El Cerrito's landscape and Lighting Assessment would be impacted. To preclude this, the task force has also recommended placing that assessment on the ballot.

Resident Brad Catell presented the majority report of the Finance Task Force to the council. In explaining the rationale for establishing a fire assessment district, Catell noted that all revenues of the assessment will support fire department services, creating a "dedicated" fire fund.

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Controlled fires to continue

EL CERRITO — City fire department crews will continue to set controlled fires in the Hillside Natural Area in the next two weeks in an effort to head-off a wildfire before it can begin.

Fire Chief Steve Cutright said crews are currently burning down last spring. "A lot of clearing took place. They put the brush in piles in areas we could burn them. We're burning before the grass will really support a fast moving fire," he said.

The department plans to burn the dried grassland in July.



El Cerrito crews began fire suppression activities June 10.

Plaza owner may sue city

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Attorney William Ross has again suggested to the El Cerrito City Council that a lawsuit may be forthcoming in response to the newly-zoned "C-2-A Combining Commercial District" which covers El Cerrito Plaza. The council amended the district at its June 3 meeting in order to address some of the concerns and objections raised by the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce. Ross is still not satisfied, however.

Ross refers to himself as "an attorney representing El Cerrito Plaza." He is specifically representing Milton Bilak, who owns the most of the Plaza structures, except for Long's and the vacant Emporium building, as well as about half the parking lot.

Ross had raised objection to the new commercial district when it was first instituted in February. The purpose of "a combining commercial district" is to ensure appropriate development of certain "sensitive areas." New development and new uses of property are to be brought before the planning commission for public review and possible application of conditions of use approval.

The whole "South Gateway" area, as the Plaza and its environs are being called, is now covered by the overlay district. The city of El Cerrito has been making a determined effort, involving an extensive community participation process, to strategize for future development in the area. The district will allow some greater control in that process, though the major direction for development will remain dependent on the private market.

Under the ordinance established in February, no effect is expected on businesses already operating under use permits. Continuing businesses without permits will be grandfathered in, while changes of use might be allowed without new permits, at the discretion of the city's planning staff, if there are no change in basic characteristics (extra parking needed, for example).

At the public hearing in February, certain business owners, many of whom have served El Cerrito for decades, objected to the district as laying more and more restrictions on local business. The Chamber of Commerce officially opposed adoption of the ordinance.

In its June 3 action, the council exempted commercial uses occupying less than 5,000 square feet of an existing building from the need for a use permit in the city's commercial districts.

Chamber Manager Sewall Glinertnick said many Chamber members had "serious questions" about the original ordinance, leading to recommendations for

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Resident Lyndi Swanson is committed to keeping Cerrito Creek litter free.

New group takes up watershed spirit

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The Friends of Albany's Watershed are not long for this earth.

At the group's fourth-ever meeting at the Albany Community Center, 12 men and women, mostly young, are sitting at a long table asking themselves, "What's in a name? They are a new group, spawned from a series of Americorps sponsored creek cleanups and watershed forums, and, with the Americorps program coming to an end, it is they who will now carry the torch. There is, however, some controversy. Should it be Friends of Albany Watershed? Friends of the Albany Watershed? Friends of Albany's Creeks? One mem-

ber fears excluding those in Berkeley and El Cerrito. Another simply likes the word "watershed." How about, simply, Friend of the Watershed? Or perhaps the more educational Friends of Five Creeks? Everyone seems amused by this problem. They laugh and make jokes, a certain easiness between them even though for the most part they've all met recently. It's as if they've been Friends of Each Other for years.

They are the newest group in town, and seem to be dying to get their feet wet. Literally. The conversation moves from the naming of the group to organization of an upcoming creek cleanup. The target of this time is the stretch of Cerrito Creek which runs along El Cerrito Plaza. They review a poster which will advertise the event; they nibble

pretzels, sip juice, talk of the abandoned shopping carts which clog this small urban waterway and will have to be pulled out with ropes. One-person committees are formed; there will be a resources team, a publicity team, a bug testing team so that children might get more involved. They are all, for the most part, new to this business. There are many, many things to work out.

Since September, when federally-sponsored Americorps WaterWatch interns moved into the Environmental Resources Department at City Hall, there have been creek cleanups, creek speak forums and much talk of how to restore Albany's urban waterways, all of which might

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District approves JV soccer teams

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — The School Board shot for the clouds and settled on the soccer field Monday night, voting only to create a JV soccer program at the high school instead of a longer list of program restoration that would have included a .4 full time equivalent position increase at the high school and a .6 FTE increase to restore a reading specialist at the elementary level.

The decision came after a protracted debate found a majority wary of increasing programs at the elementary budget before finalization of the state's budget and questions about whether the district has the funds to restore more programs in the midst of salary increase

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Task force recommends retention of city services

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The Neighbor-to-Nighbor Service and Finance Task Force has turned in its report. For 10 weeks following a series of public meetings designed to gain community input on a variety of service and finance issues in the city, the task force was formed to make recommendations on the appropriate level of city services and their funding mechanisms.

The average attendance was 22 persons, representing a variety of different interests. Members heard reports from City Manager Gary Pokorny and department heads concerning their departments' missions, staffing levels, budgets, rev-

enues and expenses. Conversations with other residents and results obtained from a city-sponsored telephone survey were also used to help evaluate the city's services to its citizens and their costs.

The task force unanimously recommended that there be no reduction in current city services and that some be increased. It also recommended that the city "take affirmative steps to achieve revenue stability," particularly when recent activity at the state level has placed some traditional municipal revenues "at risk" and since the closing of the Emporium has resulted in the loss of significant sales tax revenues.

According to task force member Brad Catell, who presented the

group's report to the City Council, the task force took its "charge to heart... proactively addressing city revenue needs and sources before the threats to city revenues reach a crisis level."

The task force concluded through its evaluation that "city services are already at or below minimum acceptance levels and that "a modest level of city services should be restored and enhanced after years of service decline, as resources become available."

Specific recommendations concerning services received "a high degree of consensus" among task force members, according to the report. Among the services most agree

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Albany looks to tougher gun control laws

Greg Hugunin

ALBANY—The city might soon join an effort by 22 Bay communities to curb the proliferation of gun violence. The effort will involve the drafting of local gun control ordinances which are stronger and more prohibitive than state laws. It will most likely include regulations on home dealers, mandated trigger locks for all new gun sales, and a receipts tax on businesses that sell guns and a ban on expensive, "Saturday night special" handguns, according to Albany Mayor Mike Brodsky.

The move for stronger gun control ordinances stems from a recent East Bay Cities Gun Violence Summit, which was attended by Brodsky and Acting Police Chief Palmmini.

Although exact figures for how many "kitchen table" gun dealers there are in Albany are not available, the police department and the city administrator's office put the number at approximately six Albany residents licensed to buy and sell fire arms, although most, according to Palmmini, are inactive. There are no storefront shops in Albany, although there is one in neighboring El Cerrito. According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, there are more than 10,000 businesses in California licensed to sell fire arms.

Mandated trigger locks might also be included in the proposed ordinances. Although no one would be forced to buy trigger locks, they would at least present the option to gun owners, Brodsky said. Also on the drawing board is a rational gross receipts tax on businesses which sell guns, to, according to Brodsky, help defer the administrative costs of preventing gun violence.

The sale of inexpensive, "Saturday night special"-type guns could also be banned. Of the approximately 400 guns confiscated by the police department since 1991, between 40 and 50 percent could be classified as this type, Palmmini said. The less-expensive guns are the most likely to be used by youths, Palmmini said, because of their low cost.

A newly-released study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that firearms accounted for 72 percent of homicides in 1994 and 87 percent of homicides involving those 15 to 24. The study said that in a 10-year period from 1985 to 1994, the use of guns in homicide cases increased by 20 percent. It also said that guns are responsible for more deaths among teenagers than all natural diseases combined.

Plans for city gun ordinances have yet to appear before City Council, and would most likely be brought up sometime this fall, City Administrator Daren Fields said. They would help East Bay cities "show a united front" on gun control, Fields said, providing a consistency from one city to another.

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The speaker will be Dorian M. Bilak, speaking on "Plans for the Future of the El Cerrito Plaza."



Members of the El Cerrito Rotary Club, which sponsors the city's celebration each year.

Getting ready for the Fourth of July

El Cerrito fair

EL CERRITO—Mark your calendars and plan to spend Thursday, July 4, at the El Cerrito Fourth of July Fair. Join the fun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito.

The young and the young-at-heart are invited to participate in more than 15 games, including the frog jump and the egg toss, to partake of the wide array of foods representing the ethnic diversity of the area, to feast their eyes on the crafts and artwork of local artists, and

to treat their ears to music and dance provided by local musicians and performers.

As the sponsors of the fair for the fourth year, the El Cerrito Rotary will donate the proceeds to El Cerrito High School for grants to teachers and students to enhance the educational program.

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Albany celebration

ALBANY—Celebrate the Fourth of July with the City of Albany, at Memorial Park, located at Portland and Ramona

streets; start with a pancake breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m.

Activities planned include Astro Jump, Dunk Tank, games and prizes; Puppet Show and Martial Arts demonstrations; and Arts and Crafts area for adults and children to create small works of art.

Hamburgers, cotton candy, root beer floats are some of the goodies for sale.

Musical guests include Hurricane Sam Rudin, boogie and jazz piano; West African High Life Band; country music of Jimi James.

Festivities begin at 7 a.m.; be sure to come and spend the day.

ECHS ready for graduation celebration

EL CERRITO—Graduation time is here again, and the El Cerrito High School Class of 1996 will graduate on Friday, June 14. For eight years, the parents and community have gifted our graduates with a "safe and sober" alternative to the traditional graduation celebrations—an all-night party.

The All-Night Grad Party, "Space Odyssey '96, Stepping Into the Future," will be in the El Cerrito High School gym from 10 p.m. Friday,

June 14, to 6 a.m. Saturday, June 15.

Parents have been working since October to create stage sets, plan the menu, and contract entertainment. Local businesses, corporations, civic organizations, school staff, public officials, parents and friends are supporting this effort to provide a drug- and alcohol-free opportunity for our young people to be with each other one last time and celebrate their accomplishments.

An Open House will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, for parents, friends, sponsors, supporters, and the community. All are welcome to come see the fantastic transformation of the gym, and ask any questions you may have about the party.

For more information, please call committee member Jane Tanamachi at 525-0234. Questions, comments and suggestions are welcome.

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- Wednesday, June 19 - noon
 - ✓ Resolving past non-compliance
 - ✓ Recovering lost AGA's
 - ✓ Eligibility for amnesty and waivers
 - ✓ What information is needed?

DEALING WITH HABITABILITY ISSUES

- Tuesday, July 9 - noon
 - ✓ Who determines habitability standards?
 - ✓ What are the processes for resolution?

THE "VACANCY DECONTROL" LAW

- Thursday, July 25 - noon
 - ✓ Who is a tenant and what is a vacancy?
 - ✓ When can an increase be taken?
 - ✓ How are potential increases calculated?
 - ✓ What happens if a "roommate" leaves?

TIPS FOR PREPARING A PETITION

- Wednesday, August 7 - noon
 - ✓ What issues can or cannot be addressed?
 - ✓ What makes a petition "acceptable"?
 - ✓ What evidence is helpful?
 - ✓ How is a decision implemented?

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Letters

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had cut a secret deal with the developer, the implication being that my vote for just studying the idea was bought. The voters wisely saw through this negative smear campaign.

Mr. Loubal also claims he is a leader of an organization called Save Del Norte. Yet, this group has never invited me to a meeting despite my requests over the last two years to meet with that group to discuss any issue that concerned it. More interesting is the fact that residents in Mr. Loubal's neighborhood told me that those who do not agree with his views on the theater proposal were either not invited to join or actually told to stay away from the organization.

Mr. Loubal is now apparently upset that the developer has modified his proposal in accordance with suggestions from citizens. He wants us to stop the process by which we can get the factual information necessary to make an informed decision about the proposal and the different alternatives. I prefer to make a decision based on facts and not on fear, smear, and hysteria. I trust most residents agree.

Norman La Force
Redevelopment Agency Chair
El Cerrito

Filling in the gaps

Editor:

Dawn Frasier's front-page article "Tempers flare at El Cerrito meetings" (May 30) was fair coverage of what occurred at the May 20 El Cerrito Redevelopment meeting, with the exception of several important omissions.

While I did not attend the meeting, I did view it at home and have the entire proceeding on tape. After having reviewed the tape, I recognize the importance of filling in the gaps.

1. Agenda Item 2 — Nine-month time extension for developer of Del Norte mixed-use development (including AMC theater project):

Several outspoken, and, in some cases perhaps overspoken, critics of either the project itself, or the mechanics thereof, addressed their criticism or

concerns to the Redevelopment Agency (all in keeping with the item on the agenda). After these folks had returned to their seats, Mr. La Force, Redevelopment Agency Chair, launched into a very angry tirade, including revisiting the November 1995 City Council election in order to complain about what he perceived as unfair campaign literature.

He then continued to abuse a petition in opposition to the theater by calling upon his authority as Chair, to unilaterally declare the entire petition a "bogus document" and accuse its circulators of "coded racism," this based on "someone telling him" (La Force) that "someone told me" (whoever) that "if I didn't sign the petition, all those kids would come to El Cerrito from East Oakland."

On May 29, Acting Police Chief Bruce Nelson made the statement that the majority of crimes perpetrated in El Cerrito are committed by people who come from outside our city. The neighborhood fear of crime from without is a viable concern and has nothing to do with La Force's claim of "coded racism."

2. Agenda Item 3 — Circulation of Request for Qualifications for developer or development team for El Cerrito Plaza:

Pam Challinor, quoted in Ms. Frasier's article, made no attempt to address the agenda item at hand, but merely took several minutes to berate fellow citizens with the tolerance of Mr. La Force, and, more offensively, to the actual applause of Mayor Cathie Kosel. However, when the individuals so attacked attempted to respond, they were loudly gavelled "out of order" by Mr. La Force.

It appears that Mr. La Force, who visibly respects individual right to free speech (to the extent of advising meeting attendees at onset of the pledge of allegiance that they need not participate if not willing to do so) certainly bows in the opposite direction when it involves any citizens who speak in opposition to his views. It also appears that Mr. La Force would have made a very poor baggage-

handler, for once having acquired any baggage, he can't seem to let it go.

It is sad that citizens, after having addressed the Council/Redevelopment Agency and returning to their seats, are fair game to abasement from elected officials and others with no avenue of defense. This is not an example of democracy in action. I feel very strongly that elected officials should conduct themselves in a professional and objective way, whether or not citizens who appear before them are saying what they want to hear.

This is but more baggage that comes with the office of an elected official, and those who cannot carry it should not apply.

Beverley Gent
Berkeley, CA

Salutes litter-fighter

Editor:

As a rather avid *Journal* reader from Oakland for a good while, and as a staunch advocate of citizen assertiveness, I have found myself increasingly captivated by the lately ongoing plight of Albany litter-fighter and neighborhood activist Dave McMahon, most recently updated in Shannon Morgan's May 30 front-page story.

On this matter, I now feel very much moved to openly add my voice to the steadily growing chorus of McMahon supporters. I have long believed that knowledgeable individual citizens like Mr. McMahon who opt to explicitly but peacefully stand up to and challenge seemingly insensitive bureaucrats deserve to be saluted, not condemned.

Thus, I heartily applaud the subsequent decision not to further pursue any criminal charges against Mr. McMahon resulting from his arrest following an effort to stage a brief neighborhood litter collection during an Albany School Board meeting one month earlier. I have felt all along that he was merely seeking diligently to go the extra mile to get his plight driven home to what he perceived to be a bloc of buck-passing officials regarding an increasingly chronic

student littering problem in his Albany area neighborhood.

I also very much share Mr. McMahon's disdain for neighborhood blight and neglect, and unfortunately have abounded somewhat around my city during the 6-1/2 years since the Prieta earthquake, and certainly can identify with his extended fears of recurring contribution to neighborhood degradation.

It might also be well worth noting that May 30 *Journal* issue further contained a report on an arrest by Albany police of three counts of graffiti vandalism at Albany School and nearby Memorial Park as well.

So, enough said for now. Keep up the efforts, Dave ... and, by the way, excellent

More theater details

Editor:

I wish to add a few details to your recent excellent article about the El Cerrito Redevelopment meeting (*The Journal*, May 30):

The agency has been keeping information from the public since the inception of the Del Norte project. Until very recently we were made believe that the Environmental Impact Report for the project is imminent.

As now seems evident, the developer has provided adequate designs for the EIR. The "Flip-flopping" the two sites was known traffic circulation nine months ago, and bearing on overall traffic and parking the main issue is theater size.

For Mr. La Force to call our petition outrageous. It was published a year ago in my possession a letter dated May response to the first draft of our petition. ... I have read your comments regarding Norte development plans and think that you

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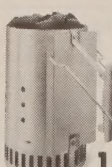
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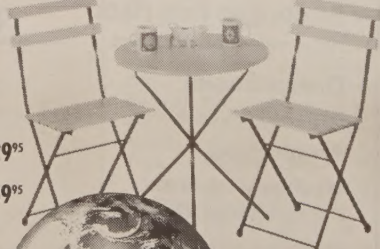
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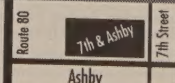
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West County School Watch

By Glen Price

Mystery boxes' cause concern

On Wednesday, June 5, the School Board approved a new contract, funded with Maintenance and Recreation Assessment District (MRAD) funds, to install playground equipment at 26 elementary school sites.

Most play equipment at elementary school sites the WCCUSD is old and suffers from age and deferred maintenance. Those familiar with these conditions welcome district actions to improve the safety and welfare of students on school playgrounds. However, parents, teachers, and administrators have been surprised during the 1995-96 school year to find new concrete box structures installed by the district on their playgrounds, often without prior consultation.

One parent remarked, "We call it the classroom box because one day it rained and the next day we came to school and there it was."

Where installed, the boxes have for the most part remained empty, in some cases creating a new hazard on the playground and, in others, a collection point for stagnant water. Although district officials have promised play structures for these boxes, they have not yet materialized.

The design, installation, and distribution of the new play equipment is a source of deep concern to many parents active in district schools. Many lament the lack of openness of district officials to parent-level involvement in the design and installation of the new equipment.

At one elementary school, parents and faculty have designed a new play area and raised funds in the community to initiate the project. They would like to use MRAD funds to complement and extend funds raised locally.

In response to the school's efforts, district officials have reportedly criticized parent leaders. Parents describe a pattern of unreturned phone calls by district staff, missed meetings, confusion, and an unclear chain of command.

At another elementary school, parents recently ended the acquisition of a new play structure based on district communications earlier this school year indicating that new play structures would not be purchased in the near future. Now the school board has contracted for the installation of new play structures, the school is apparently not on the list of elementary schools to receive new playground equipment.

Throughout the district, parents are concerned

that the opportunity to install new playground equipment with MRAD funding did not lead to site-level consultation as to the best way to use these funds. They argue that local principals, faculties, and parents understand best how to design schools' play yards. Many consider the possibility of constructing new playgrounds as an opportunity to build parent and community support for their schools.

District representatives were not available for comment on this issue.

Budget presented

At the Wednesday, June 5, School Board meeting staff presented the first draft of the 1996-97 budget, which they characterized as being "more fantasy than anything else at this point."

The presentation appeared to be pro-forma, as staff indicated that it would be impossible to do real budgeting until they had better numbers from Sacramento on levels of state support for the next year. Although these figures will not be available until 45 days after the legislature adjourns, staff is asking that the budget be adopted at the June 19 school board meeting. It was unclear through board comments to what degree the proposed budget reflects the strategic planning effort currently being undertaken by the school board.

A public workshop on the budget will be held on Thursday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Staff Development Center, 2525 Barnard Road, Richmond. The WCCUSD School Board will consider adoption of the new budget on Wednesday, June 19, at its regularly scheduled meeting. Meetings of the board are now held at the Richmond High Little Theater and begin at 7 p.m.

District to Study ballot issues

In other action on June 5, the School Board approved a \$13,000 contract to survey district voters regarding the possibility of elections for a parcel tax akin to the existing MRAD and a separate measure for a school bond to build a new middle school. The measure passed on a 3-0-2 vote, with trustees Fenton, Easton, and Snodgrass voting in favor and trustees Harris-Pitts and Ramsey abstaining.

Results of the survey will be presented at the board's June 19 meeting.

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Practice makes perfect

Montessori School of Kensington primary class students got stirring cheers and applause June 2 after performing Alice in Wonderland to an audience of over 100 at the Arlington Community Church. The children, aged 4 to 7, practiced for three months in preparation. Pictured left to right Eugenia Lee, Lingerr Senghor, Daniel Rubio, Bryce Quig-Hartman, Stephanie Peters and Dan Haggstrom.

El Cerrito plans upcoming capital improvement projects

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The proposed \$3,929,665 capital projects budget is intended to help the city of El Cerrito "reach the community vision and (city) council goals of an attractive, clean and green community with quality services and facilities meeting basic community needs," according to community and administrative services manager Jim Randall. The 14 projects suggested for the coming year run the gamut, from tennis court resurfacing to the construction of a new fire station.

The proposed CIP budget is designed to be the first year of the five-year CIP Program.

According to Randall, the five-year CIP program is meant to be "essentially, a planning document," a tool for scheduling anticipated capital projects and capital financing. It does not assume that a com-

mitment will be made to the projects; in some cases, needs are identified, while specific solutions are not. In others, no funding sources have been identified for desired projects.

The five-year program consists of 14 projects with a cost of about \$5.6 million. The largest single project is the Storm Drain and Stream Restoration Program. The city issued \$6.3 million in revenue bonds to finance the three-year restoration program in 1993; the program was meant to address the most urgent drain problems. The final phase of the restoration program is expected to be completed by the end of this summer. The proposed capital project budget for 1996/97 includes \$1,537,250 for that completion.

The city council has not yet determined how it will address ongoing restoration needs of lesser priority.

The largest capital project proposed is the replacement of Fire Station #72 at \$1,736,315. The project is being funded through lease agreement for the most part. Apart from a \$93,000 seismic grant, the project costs will be repaid from the Proposition 172 one-half percent sales tax (intended for public safety purposes) over the next 13 years.

The cost of the project includes demolition of the Arlington Fire Station, built in 1949 and becoming in recent years "structurally and functionally inadequate and obsolete." Among other problems, the electrical and mechanical systems were determined to be substandard, and the space was too small to accommodate two fire trucks. Demolition of the building was undertaken about two weeks ago and is almost completed.

The third largest project is the

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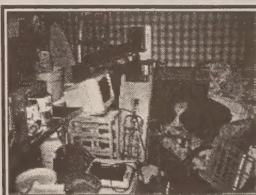
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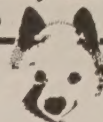


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questions are good ones ... (signed) Norman La Force, Mayor."

How about some reasonable answers rather than vicious and irrelevant attacks?

Cathie Kosel's statement about our claiming "a secret cabal" is an obvious straw-man. Her support for the mega-theater, independently of EIR results, could not be more obvious. She said: "This is no mega-theater ... it is no larger than the combination of the movie theaters on Solano Avenue."

Since mega means one million, a theater that can expect two million visitors, one million cars per year, in a small area, is obviously mega. Incidentally, the two Solano Avenue theaters have 1,495 seats spread over four screens, one mile apart, i.e., 40 percent of the planned Del Norte size.

I cannot believe that our new mayor, head of school redistricting, the one who always gets her taxes in "way before April 15," does not have a good head for numbers. Rather than just being her outspoken self, she probably simply decided to insult and goad those who dared to disagree with her. Obviously, if anyone was being "childish and sophomoric," it was the above two elected officials.

It is high time for them to stop the manipulation and meet with Del Norte residents as equals, to discuss the facts and acceptable development options. How much more time and emotion do we all need to waste before they realize that this inappropriate project cannot be ramrodded through?

Peter Loubal
El Cerrito

Flawed reasoning

Editor:

Although the neighborhood trash and related problems around Albany High School will abate with the summer vacation period, it is a certainty they will return in the fall.

The recent informative article dealing with the matter reflected the community feelings on the subject. It also revealed some flawed reasoning on the part of the School District and Board. My humble advice is for them to get a handle on the matter in an unequivocal position.

Some of these flawed reasonings were to the effect that the citizen arrested at the Board of Education meeting was merely pointing a finger and not supplying solutions. This is a most curious way

to deal with the district's clear responsibility to find that solution, in as much as it is their students that create the problem. The neighbors' solution has already been forthcoming, most effectively, though thanklessly, bending over to pick up the trash, day in and day out!

I have been a staff member of one of the highest-rated high schools in the U.S., and the trash problem was always dealt directly with by the school. The students knew the principal meant business and the advice was taken seriously. Also, this school had a "closed-campus" policy: No students allowed in an automobile during school hours. No fast-food sallies, either. It worked like a charm.

In all this long debate we have never heard a peep from the Albany High authorities. Are we to interpret this silence as a message of unconcern to all involved? Albany's longstanding claim of a good quality-of-life community is, I believe, seriously threatened. It is our common responsibility to see that the educational establishment not be one of the chief contributors to that demise. We must by all means keep this in mind for the fall.

Martin Willens
Albany

Parental support needed

The Journal received a copy of the following open letter to Albany parents:

Parents in Albany understand that their increased property values are a direct result of the quality of the schools. They understood that when they sold their big Berkeley or Oakland bungalows and bought into this cozy little community; they were only thinking of their children.

They heard rumors about the excellence and ingenuity of Albany teachers: the high percentage of teachers with advanced degrees, national and international recognition in the form of grants, fellowships, and awards from professional organizations, honor societies, federal endowments, as well as corporations, and local, regional, state and national foundations in the arts and sciences, education, and the humanities.

After all, these kinds of rumors get around in a small town, but unfortunately not enough. For

example (and feel free to spread this around at your next potluck), every year we have teachers at each site who have been selected as teacher-scholars at UC-Berkeley's highly respected Bay Area Writing Project, Math Project, and both Lawrence Hall and LBL for summer workshops and seminars, as well as trainings throughout the academic year.

We have numerous Fulbright scholars and National Endowment for the Humanities grant recipients and more than a few who are invited to Princeton, Columbia, Harvard, and other universities and colleges around the country to train other teachers in their fields of expertise. Our academic programs in mathematics, writing, science, and the humanities are nationally recognized for their high standards, creativity and test scores.

Most importantly, however, we have teachers who love their work. Perhaps we ought to have a regular column in *The Journal* for the sole purpose of advertising to the community the regular and impressive achievements of Albany teachers. Yet we are generally too busy to blow our own horns, especially this time of year.

Teachers have been extremely concerned about the history of cuts in program under which we have all suffered for the past seven to eight years. Face it: Besides the obvious loss to our students, these "program cuts" are teachers' jobs. None of us is greedy; nor are we selfish. All of us would like to see the return of music programs and drama and journalism and computers and lab sciences and reading specialists.

Most of all, we would like to see smaller class sizes — just as we have been advocating and offering our own salaries against for years. Now Governor Wilson in all his electioneering wisdom is advocating smaller class sizes, and finally facing the inherent dangers of being 50th in the nation in class size (teacher-to-student ratios).

The community must know that for years the district has offered teachers salary increases in exchange for higher class sizes and each year we have refused. While many of our neighboring districts have taken this path (as our last business manager has continually reminded us), we have been sufficiently prescient to see the writing on the wall — our classes are already much, much

too full, and our resistance to pack them has been a costly choice for us.

Each year that teachers have refused increased class sizes for increased salaries cost us individually out of our own pockets. We can translate this into dollars by looking at static annual income. The parents seem to support these efforts teachers are continuing on behalf of Albany children. An interesting rhetorical question: What if the ATA had salaries for class sizes? How would parents about the schools in that context?

We also want parents to understand that teachers regularly spend hundreds of dollars a year out of their own pockets on supplies for students. This may seem surprising to the community. Do you think it is fair that teachers have been making up the lost dollars from state in subsidies for supplies and materials even class sets of books?

Consider the facts and figures regarding 14.7 percent in COLAs which many COLAs have lost over the past five years (1991-1995). Albany teachers have received only 4 percent these COLAs over this period.

From this perspective one could argue that teachers have given back about 2 percent salary to the district each year that they receive a COLA — an annual subsidy of \$200,000, or \$900 per teacher — that is, \$13,500 out of our pockets over five years, the previous year's lost income to the district in following years' to reach this staggering figure.

Albany teachers understand the impact program cuts have had on our students. We understand perhaps better than anyone else students themselves. Of course, we support board's and parents' efforts to restore program cuts have had on our students. In fact, the ATA wants to see program cuts wherever possible, and yet we believe the numbers prove the district is in a position both — reinstate classes as well as offer employees a healthy salary adjustment. We for your support in urging the board to make a reasonable offer.

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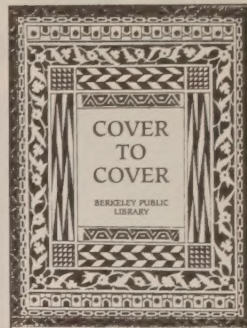
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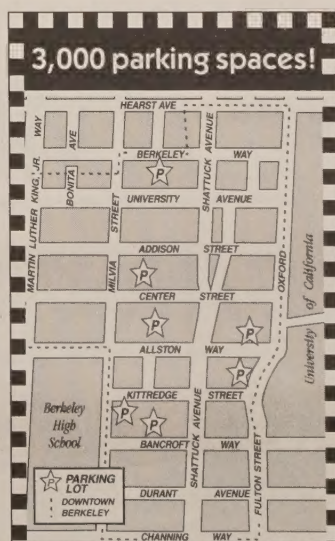
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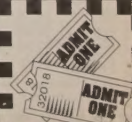
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Albany High School music department ends year with awards

ALBANY — The music department at Albany High School is ending its 1995-96 school year with a bang! Both the Choir and the Concert Band participated in California Music Educators' Association (CMEA) competitions this past spring. The CMEA is a statewide organization of music teachers who for many years have organized and judged music competitions across the state.

The purpose of the CMEA competitions is to help students and teachers gauge how they are doing as compared to other music groups in California. There are five rankings that can be awarded by the judges: Superior, Excellent, Good, Fair, and something else which we won't even talk about!

In April the Albany High School Choir, under the direction of Joan

Sextro, participated in the Brentwood CMEA choral competition. The choir was awarded an overall Excellent, with a Superior rating in sight-reading.

The sight-reading portion of any of the music competitions is quite difficult. The director is presented with three pieces and must select one for the group to perform. The group has only a few minutes to practice. The choir director is not allowed to sing along with the choir. The choir must read the music and sing it without any accompaniment — what is called singing a cappella. The Albany High School Choir did so well they were awarded the highest ranking.

The band, under the direction of Tom Lilienthal, participated in the CMEA competition at Campolindo

High School in May. The Albany High School Concert Band received a unanimous Excellent in all areas, including sight-reading.

Tom Lilienthal has great admiration and praise for all the kids in the band. This past year the only way for Albany High to continue to offer band as an academic subject was at night. So two nights a week, the kids and Lilienthal met for two hours for band class. These kids had to juggle a full schedule during the school day, their after-school activities (soccer, basketball, football, music lessons, student government, etc.) and then show up for band at night. They also had to somehow fit in homework.

Lilienthal himself taught in San Rafael during the day and then two nights a week at Albany High. Lilienthal also feels the parents of the

band kids are wonderful. They either drove their kids to and from band class or put up with a lot of scheduling to get dinner into their kids and make sure that homework got done and the kids got enough sleep.

Joan Sextro and Tom Lilienthal are both in their second years at Albany High School. They both feel that this year was especially productive and positive. Both Joan and Tom are encouraged that music is one of the areas which is seeing increased funding this year from the school board.

Choir students may also audition for the Choral, a select group of more advanced students. The students in Choral often sing quite difficult pieces and usually sing a cappella.

This past year the choir had two members who auditioned for the Regional and the All-State Choir. Both

Laura Schweitzer, a sophomore, and Kate Bolton-Schmuckler, a senior, were selected and sang in a beautiful program in Santa Clara this past February for All-State. Next year Sextro expects all the kids, male and female, who are in the Choral to try out for All-State.

Next year both the choir and the band will be performing as much as possible. The band will be playing at the football games and perhaps other sporting events during the winter and spring. The choir plans a "road show" to the elementary and middle schools to encourage the younger students to join choir and to give the high school students more performing time.

Tom Lilienthal's approach to the band is to encourage as much student participation as possible. The students

always help choose the music they perform. Often the students who want to compete for the Superintendent's award.

The music department was awarded money from the Education Foundation for the school year. Plans include buying more instruments this fall.

The music department also welcomes any band instrument to donate to the school. There are no fees, as there are no fees for the band members. Contact Lilienthal or Joan Sextro at Albany High School for more of their "wish list."

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"Because we were concerned about children's safety and trying to eliminate stress for parents who had to take time off work to transport children to their destination, Adano and I joined Kids Express, purchasing a van to meet the demand for our services," Anna explained. "We are fully licensed by the Public Utilities Commission and fully insured in the State of California."

Recently expanded, now operating a second van for more flexibility, Anna said the idea of helping parents in El Cerrito, Kensington, Berkeley find a convenient, safe and affordable way of getting children to and from school or after-school and summer activities.

Singing, word and car games are often used to make the transporting a bit more pleasant. Kids Express is currently associated with the Albany YMCA Kids' Club. Because of the YMCA contract, Kids Express is able to service the Albany Schools. Fees are based on monthly mileage rate. Each child is given a photo identification which serves as a ticket for travel.

Anna drives one van and Lois drives the second.

Albany Area natives, the brothers try to do everything possible as a family. They watch sports, bicycle and enjoy the outdoors, especially taking their children, Ambriana, a third-grader at Marin School, and Angelina, a preschooler, to Memorial Park.

When not working, Anna takes care of domestic responsibilities and "gets to be a mom." Phone 559-9651 for information on Kids Express.

Alameda County Fair discount tickets at chamber office

Fifty-percent discount coupons for the Alameda County Fair are available at the Albany Chamber of Commerce office, 1108 Solano Ave. The fair runs from June 22 to July 7, featuring many name entertainers. The coupon also admits all into the race track at no extra cost.

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Dr. Charles Prins to aid Albany Education Foundation

Dr. Charles Prins, 1308 Solano Ave., has come up with another of his wacky, fun-filled fund-raisers benefiting Albany causes. This time the Albany Education Foundation (AEF) will be the recipient of Prins' Chiropractic generosity. Dr. Prins' goal is to raise at least \$1,000 for the AEF.

Saturday, June 22's theme is "Safety, Education and Wellness."

Safety: The Albany Fire Department will be on hand at Prins' office with low-cost, high-quality children's bicycle helmets and will be signing people up for smoke detector installation and water heater strapping. They will also give tips on workplace and home safety and health.

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Fun: Refreshments, cool T-shirts and door prizes will round out the day.

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Adam, Annie, Angelina, 4, and Ambriana, 9, Herrera.

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■ Martin Snapp

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The walk will include a brief but delightful literary salon under a charming storm drain. Those interested in reading aloud should bring a short selection, i.e. two pages or less, that seems appropriate for the environs. (My suggestion: either "Notes From The Underground" or "Winnie The Pooh.")

Bring formal wear and rubber boots or waders, a working flashlight with fresh batteries, something to drink on the trail, and cash for BART and refreshments afterwards.

Everyone will meet at 2 p.m. at the Rockridge BART station, at the top of the easternmost parking lot. But be there on time. If you're late, you'll be left behind.

Healing Arts: Ever wondered what it must be like to be so sick that you have to be in a hospital intensive care ward?

Apart from everything else, it's so-o-o-o-o boring.

Susan Madison, the head nurse on the swing shift at the Highland Hospital Intensive Care Unit, is trying to do something about that. Out of her own pocket, she's been buying videocassettes of current movies for the patients, who watch them on a donated VCR and TV. (The original VCR and TV were swiped before they could be bolted to the stand.)

And she could use some new movies to show. She'd be grateful for any donations — even another VCR and TV.

You don't have to take them over to Highland, either. Oakland Police Lt. Charles Gibson, commander of the Community Policing Division at the Eastmont Substation, has volunteered to accept donations and forward them to her.

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Think about it: Are you *really* ever going to watch that tape of "Forrest Gump" again?

Update: Remember the column about my recent trip to Washington, D.C., when I talked about the Cogswell Temperance Fountain, built by an eccentric 19th century San Franciscan named Henry Cogswell? Here's a footnote from George Mallman of the Bay Guardian:

"Did you know that there are two monuments here in the Bay Area that also have a connection with Cogswell? One is the Benjamin Franklin statue in Washington Square in San Francisco. The other is his own monument at Mountain View Cemetery, which is one of the tallest ones there."

Meanwhile, back at the Pentagon, I was watching my old college roommate, Frank Kramer, get sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Defense for National Security Affairs.

The ceremony took place in the office of Defense Secretary William Perry, whose walls are covered by pictures of the Battle of Lake Erie (won by Perry's ancestor, Oliver Hazard Perry) and 19th century Japanese prints (souvenirs of another of his ancestor's Commodore Matthew Perry, the man who opened Japan to the West).

"Well, Frank, you're honorable at last," said Perry, alluding to Frank's official title, "The Hon. Franklin D. Kramer."

And Frank takes his new job seriously. I happened to notice which book was lying open on his bedside: Machiavelli's "The Prince!"

Dropping Out: Finally, a few words about Timothy Leary. There's been a lot of self-righteous harrumphing the last few days about how he corrupted a generation and started us down the slippery slope toward today's pervasive drug culture.

And it's true. He was also naive, reckless, and more than a little bit silly.

But that's not all he was. True, he was a fool; but he was a fool for God. He preached to a generation that grew up in the '50s, the most spiritually constipated decade in recent memory. And he offered what seemed like the perfect laxative: LSD-25.

And although not many people will admit it nowadays, it had a profound — and often positive — effect on their lives.

It was literally the first time that they stopped and smelled the flowers, the first time they realized that Jesus wasn't kidding when he said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you."

Admittedly, for others Leary was a disaster. This Pied Piper left a lot of human wreckage in his wake.

And in the last few years, it was hard not to feel pity when you watched him. As Lenny Bruce said, "There's nothing sadder than an aging hipster."

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in *The Journal*. Phone him at 273-9543; write c/o Hills Publications, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619; or E-mail at snapp@BMUG.org or cutman1@creative.net

Creek

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of work by 275 restoration volunteers, raising the ire of some and demoralizing many others. Apparently, the group felt the project was 95 percent done, leaving Cunradi mystified as to why the widening had to take place and dismayed at what was left behind.

"The volunteers don't like fixing somebody's mess," he said, adding that many members of the group were "disgusted" and "heartbroken" by the action. "They want to see something for their effort."

Cunradi, who has been a volunteer since last summer, said he could find no hydrological reason for the widening, citing the fact that the section of creek above the restoration site is eight feet wide. He also criticized the "paid officials" at the Urban Creeks Council for being oblivious to the contributions of volunteers.

Although those involved in the decision agree the situation is an unfortunate one, they also say the widening was unavoidable if the project is to succeed. According to Ann Riley, a Ph.D. in river restoration and the executive director of the Southwest Coalition to Restore Urban Waterways, heavy storms both in the winter and the spring made it obvious the creek would have to be widened.

"In the winter we realized (the project) was a huge liability," said Riley, whose calculations were the basis for the work. "We needed to be responsible."

Riley pointed to the tremendous volume of water which washed away many of the earlier plantings and uncovered a PG&E gas line which runs through the creek and said that, had the widening not occurred, the area

would have been vulnerable both to flooding and soil erosion which would eventually have wiped out the volunteers' work anyway.

Ideally, she said the entire creek would be widened if the money were available. She also said she had previously explained the necessity of widening the creek to Register, who was unable to comment for this story because he is again out of the country.

Carole Schemmerling, Bay Area coordinator for the Urban Creeks Council, agreed with Riley's calculations citing the need to widen the channel. The cities of Albany and Berkeley each ponied up \$5,000 for the project, and during the second weekend in May, the Americorps-sponsored East Bay Conservation Corps came in and did the work.

The majority of excavation occurred on the south side of the creek, where huge indentations were gouged into the bank, leaving an unattractive, 90-degree-angle wall in the place of four-foot-tall willow cuttings planted by volunteers.

"I feel very badly ... I wish we had contacted everybody," Schemmerling said. "It makes the (volunteers) doing the back-breaking work feel terrible."

The work could not have been put off, though, because the availability of the Conservation Corps crews, which work for a much lower price than standard contractors, was limited to a two-week window in May, Schemmerling said. Although she took "some responsibility" for the lack of communication in the incident, she said Cunradi's claims of heavy-handed decision-making were "somewhat exaggerated" and that a greater effort would be made in the future to

keep volunteers updated on what is being done.

She also said that her position as coordinator of the council is not a paid one, and that, as far as the project is concerned, all is not lost.

"To have this happen is dismaying but not fatal," she said.

Overall, the project has faced its share of setbacks from lack of funding to vandalism at the site. To Riley, vandals smashed some gauges during the heavy work, leaving the Urban Creeks Council to foot the bill. Also, unknown persons hauled and other debris into the creek.

A developer working adjacent to the creek knocked down one bank of the creek, and in the winter not only washed away plantings and a gas line, they forced the rethinking of the channel has to be. And perhaps most troubling is the lack of funding, which, beyond being itself, forced the excavation to be done in a piecemeal fashion.

Big plans exist for the creek, though. Albany received a \$100,000 grant to study construction of a path along its edge, and another section of the creek opened east of San Pablo Avenue in conjunction with affordable housing project at the former Hotel Motel. And although it may not be pretty, Schemmerling, the site should start shaping up. It will be much more soundly built when it is finished.

"Most things that seem disastrous turn out not to be disastrous," said Schemmerling. "Sometimes when you get a lemon you have to make lemonade."

Soccer

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negotiations with teachers.

The district has an estimated surplus of \$1.5 million in recurring funds and \$250,000 in one-time funds. At their May 30 meeting, the board voted to allocate 2.3 FTE positions for program restoration, high school and middle school at a cost of \$1.5 million.

Albany Teachers Association negotiator Depasquale said the district has offered a 1.8 percent salary increase, with the district's domestic partners in district employee benefits ages at a projected recurring cost of \$2.1 million. The offer, however, is unacceptable to teachers' union, who are settling for nothing under a 6 percent increase.

The move to create a boys and girls youth soccer program came with unanimous support from a strong showing by soccer-playing parents at Monday's meeting.

"I really am concerned about on-going costs," Boardmember Peggy Thomsen said. "I'd like to include only the one-time costs of the program. The program will be funded on a stipend basis, but becoming a part of the yearly budget."

Board President Alan Riffer said he means the new program will start off in a pilot position.

"If there is a reduction in sports needs, 98, then all sports programs should be cut. JV soccer is the first gone because it's the least popular," Riffer said.

The new program was not included in the budget study committee report submitted to the board for budget consideration.

The board will continue budget deliberations and hold a public hearing at its June 25 meeting.

Plans

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"To attempt to insulate the project from El Cerrito zoning requirements prior to an identification and mitigation of the environmental impacts could be caused by the project manifesting and capricious conduct," he said.

Stern also believes consideration of "adequate mitigation measures" would also violate the California Environmental Quality Act.

At the May 28 meeting, City Planner attempted to dissuade the board's action.

"You certainly are entitled to take your own time to feel it's not the time to foreclose on the city of citizens to find recourse," he said.

School board members were aware of El objections when they made their decision and they will continue to work with the city on the action taken.

'To attempt to insulate project from El Cerrito zoning requirements prior to an identification and mitigation of the environmental impacts manifests arbitrary and capricious conduct.'

— EL CERRITO CITY ATTORNEY HOWARD STERN

Boardmember Peggy Thomsen said she is comfortable with the decision.

"It's my estimation that this is prudent at this time. We've given a lot of thought to this," she said.

The district's land use attorney, Peter McQuinn, also advised in favor of the vote.

"There's nothing arbitrary or capricious about the process that is going on. The act of exempting yourself from local zoning doesn't exempt you from CEQA. Every school district does this on a case-by-case basis. This is a very normal thing," he said.

Even for El Cerrito, he said, the exemption is not of paramount importance.

"The bottom line is still not whether or not we're going to exempt ourselves from municipal impacts of the project," he said.

The district expects the new school to open in September of 1998.

Lawsuit

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amendment. The council's approval of the amendment, which applies to several areas not included in the South Gateway, "doesn't solve all our concerns but does solve a majority of them," he said.

In his remarks to the council, Ross said he had initiated litigation against the ordinance established in February. He objected to the new amendments in that there was "no rational" basis for them, as is required by law. He also believes the city's administrative staff has too much discretion in deciding which uses will need permits and which won't.

He also said the overlay district "impermissibly segregates the South Gateway area" from the General Plan of the entire city. He accused the council of using the district to "further control a specific tenant of land than to control land uses."

He believes, for example, the council will use the district to keep certain enterprises, such as "Walmart or Costco," from establishing themselves in the South Gateway area, making the entire scheme "constitutionally suspect."

City Attorney Howard Stern immediately responded

to the remarks. Stern said that "every day staff has to decide" whether certain uses are conforming or non-conforming in determining where special permits might be needed; that's part and parcel of what it means to be a city planning department, he said.

Stern also commented on a remark made by Ross that the council's desire to regulate "an established commercial district" is not consistent with the inclusion of housing in the city's long-term strategy for the area.

"The fact that the housing element (of the general plan) talks about emergency and transitional housing has no effect on the city council's ability to make commercial zoning issues," said Stern. "I see no nexus between the two (issues)."

As far as Stern interprets the requirements for establishing such a zoning ordinance, the staff has adequately described the valid impacts any proposed business over 5,000 square feet in size will have on "an area going through a great deal of change." Those impacts, according to the new ordinance must be subject to some kind of review and regulation by the city.

Friends

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very well come to be taught were it not for this group. As the interns began cleaning out their desks and the last city sponsored meeting came to a close, talk emerged of who would fill that gap. Someone to step forward and let their concerns be known to the City Council. Someone to step forward and show the volition on their own.

Albany resident Lyndi Swanson, 34, wants to be one of those people. The chair of the new group, a human resources manager and mother of one, is for the most part new to the creek-restoration game but familiar with the beauty of creeks. Having grown up on a 250-acre farm in Clarksburg, Calif., she played in creeks as a child and, now living along the built-out I-80 corridor, misses that communion with nature. When she talks about helping local creeks, she talks about "giving something back" and "bringing it home to where I live."

"It makes me sick when I see trash in the creeks," she says. "I have a perfectionist tendency. I want to fix things."

She is a new face on the environmental scene in Albany, having become involved through the Americorps cleanups, and seems to have the boundless enthusiasm of one just departing on a long journey. She and other core members of the group have already appeared before the City Council, voicing their support for a new storm-drain fee increase which will raise \$100,000 for various projects to improve water quality in local creeks. They have made contact with other, similar groups in the area, including Sustainable El Cerrito and Friends of Albany Hill. Kathy Kramer of the San Francisco Estuary Institute is helping the group draft a mission statement. Environmental Resources Assistant Diamera Bach is helping them apply for a \$2,000 grant for cleanup equipment. Things seem to be moving right along.

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should be 'modestly increased' were three that received the highest level of endorsement: increased library hours and services, the addition of a police officer, and the addition of a volunteer coordinator. In all three areas, the "enhancements" would actually constitute a return to levels offered several years ago but lost to revenue cutbacks.

Additional service restorations for which "some degree of consensus was developed during the task force's deliberations" include: the addition of an associate planner, the addition of a code enforcement position, increased tree trimming and planting, increased youth services, increased street maintenance, para-transit for non-disabled seniors and expanded emergency preparedness.

The task force also had specific recommendations to make concerning stabilization of revenues. The report concluded that "none of the city's stable revenue sources meet even the task force's recommended minimum service levels."

As a new revenue source, the group recommended the adoption of a Fire Suppression Assessment of \$75 per single family residence per year, \$25 to \$65 per unit for multi-family properties and \$205 to \$370 for commercial property. That assessment would generate about \$820,000 annually, a goal set by adding together monies lost by elimination of the Real Property Transfer Tax (lost to a

recent state supreme court decision), the estimated \$200,000 annual funding needed for the three highest priority enhancements, and another \$200,000 "to stabilize city revenues and maintain its services."

Though all monies generated by such an assessment district would have to be used only for fire services, the funding would "free up" current funding for other areas.

The El Cerrito City Council considered this recommendation of the task force at a special meeting Monday evening. The council concurs with the recommendation but approved an increase in the level to \$125. (See accompanying article.)

Establishment of the fire assessment district is expected to appear on the November ballot.

The task force also recommended placement of the Landscape and Lighting Assessment (first established in 1988) on the November ballot. The future of the Utility Users Tax is also unknown and subject to legal interpretation at the state level. The task force recommended that it not be placed on the ballot yet until those issues are resolved.

That recommendation was not unanimous. Task force member Beverly Gent presented a "minority report" to the council that requested the tax be placed on the ballot in November for voter approval.

Members of the task force would like to continue meeting, though its original charge has been met. The group's future has not yet been determined.

directory, which is published every three or four years. These directories are not throw-aways but are kept close to the telephone for quick reference.

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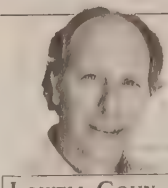
The new Albany Business and Information Directory published by the Albany Chamber of Commerce is presently in the making. All storefronts and business offices plus Chamber of Commerce home-occupation members will be named with their address and phone number. All businesses have been notified of the new

Bozeman's in charge — rejects Fowlkes return

This is the story of how Cal basketball coach Todd Bozeman did the right thing and was rewarded for it.

You'll recall that his freshman star Sharief Abdur-Rahim originally said he was going to enter the NBA draft and then changed his mind about three weeks later. What you may not know is what sophomore Tremaine Folkes did in the three-week interim.

Fowlkes had announced his intention to leave Cal and transfer to Fresno State, where he would play for that well-known humanitarian and moral champion, Jerry Tarkanian. But when Abdur-Rahim, who had stolen Fowlkes' minutes and fame, said he was entering the draft, it occurred to Fowlkes that he didn't have to transfer, after



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all. Hell, he could remain at Cal and be a big star all over again.

He had lost his leadership role to Abdur-Rahim and Ed Gray at the beginning of last season when it came out that he broke NCAA rules by accepting money from an agent for the down payment on a utility vehicle. At first, he was suspended the whole season.

That was reduced to 15 games. When Fowlkes finally came back, Bozeman told him the offense no longer would run through him.

But now with Abdur-Rahim having declared for the NBA draft, Fowlkes had a chance to fix all that. As a kind of ice breaker, he approached Cal's assistant coaches while Bozeman was out of town, and broached the subject of staying in Berkeley. The assistants were excited, and told Fowlkes Cal was his ticket to the NBA. Fowlkes liked hearing that. He wants to play in the NBA. Maybe he wants to play in the NBA a little too much. But more on that later.

When Bozeman returned, Fowlkes went in to see him. Bozeman was receptive until it

dawned on him what Fowlkes was proposing. According to a source close to Cal basketball, Fowlkes wanted a guarantee from Bozeman that he (Fowlkes) would play at least 35 minutes a game, that a certain number of plays per game would be run for him, and that Bozeman would remove from the game any players who did not pass the ball to Fowlkes.

That request took nerve, but what came next was even more galling. Fowlkes wanted all of it in writing, as if he was in the pros and was merely inserting a few incentives into a standard deal.

Bozeman told Fowlkes, "No." It was the most eloquent sentence Bozeman ever has uttered. Bozeman explained to Fowlkes that he was welcome to

return to Cal, but not on the basis of any secret deals. The player had to put the team first. Fowlkes listened to what Bozeman had to say, then he walked out of the office and has never returned.

Bozeman showed incredible courage when he turned Fowlkes away. He had just lost Abdur-Rahim, his best player, and as you know, there's been constant sniping that Bozeman can recruit but doesn't know how to coach. It would have been tempting for him to swing a secret deal with Fowlkes.

But if Bozeman had given in, he would have lost everything. His self-respect. His honor. And finally, his team. In a sense, Fowlkes would have been running the show — "Coach, I insist you bench Tony Gonzalez

because he doesn't pass me the ball." So what Bozeman did, God bless him, is to assert to an out-of-line player that the Bears are his (Bozeman's) team, that he is in charge, take it or leave it.

None of this is to say that Fowlkes is a bad guy. It's not that simple. Fowlkes is typical of big stars in college hoops. You can forget right now about college basketball representing the amateur ideal and all that idealistic nonsense. Fowlkes is the product of a system which tells him he is a star and must be treated accordingly.

To him, a college team is his showcase for the NBA, and if something frustrates his desire to put up great numbers which will then get him a good number

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'Little girls need big girls to look up to'

Women's hoops as role model

By Peter Mentor

When Lisa Leslie was a child growing up in Inglewood, her hometown hero was L.A. Lakers great James Worthy. For Katy Steding, who comes from Lake Oswego, Ore., it was Portland Trailblazer Bill Walton.

Back then, role models for young basketball players were usually of the male persuasion. After all, there was no version of the NBA for women.

In years to come, budding female players can look to the likes of Leslie and Steding to play the role that men formerly played for young female athletes.

These two players and their cohorts on the USA Basketball Women's National Team, soon to be renamed the U.S. Olympic Team, came to the Oakland Coliseum Arena Sunday afternoon to play the Canadian National Team.

Although they are each getting \$50,000 to play for the U.S. Team, most of the players gave up lucrative overseas contracts to represent their country.

The fans flocking to the Coliseum were of all ages, shapes and sizes, however the majority were adolescent girls with hoop dreams of their own.

What they saw was the best women's basketball talent in the world. Most important for those girls in the audience, was seeing basketball played at the highest level by athletes of their own gender.

Soon, after the Olympics, women will have the opportunity to play at the same level as men, right here in the U.S. instead of traveling to Europe for the chance. Two professional leagues are sprouting up. The American Basketball League (ABL) is set to begin play in October, while the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA), sponsored by the NBA, is set for June 1997.

While it is true that professional athletes do not always make the best role models as citizens, they are essential as sports mentors and dream makers.

For players such as Leslie and Steding, there was only one choice back then, men. That may not always be the case.



USA Olympic basketball player Lisa Leslie at the Coliseum Sunday: 'To have a little girl want my jersey and my autograph is a good opportunity because maybe I can change her life.'

"I got a lot of opportunities to watch the Lakers in the mid-80s," said Leslie. "I just thought James

Worthy was a great player because whenever the Lakers needed a basket, they'd give the ball to

him. They called him Big Game James. So at that time I set a goal.

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Local prep stars have someone to admire

Girls have game to call their own

By Peter Mentor

Monica Ortega and her family sat in the lower corner of the Oakland Coliseum Arena Sunday afternoon watching the USA Basketball Women's National Team quickly dismantle the Canadian National Team.

This win, 80-62, was a warmup for the upcoming Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Canada is a physical team, but the U.S. was not intimidated. Late in the contest Lisa Leslie, the U.S. Team's 6-foot-5 center (see related story), ran to set a pick and swung her arm around in time to meet the face of 5-9 Canadian Karla Karch-Gailus.

Leslie apologized, twice, although everyone knows this is not a game for the faint hearted.

Ortega loved watching the action. Not so much the one-way collision between Leslie and the Canadian player, but for how the big player did what the Holy Names High player dreams of doing on the court.

"Leslie was just great, she did everything," said Ortega. "You could tell she was really in control. She could run the court and handle the ball. She has such good court sense about everything. And her height, I mean it gives her the biggest advantage over everyone out there. You don't see women that tall. During the warm-ups she was dunking."

Ortega, a 5-5 point guard for the Monarchs, orchestrated much of the success on a team that went 29-4 last season. As with many local high school players, she came to watch the best women in the world playing the game she loves.

"I thought it was amazing," she said. "It's something that really hits home, because I think it's a chance for everyone to get involved. There was so much spirit and adrenaline going. It feels like I'm playing the game. I can relate to it so much."

Another pair of local prep players picked out favorite U.S. Team members that they would like to

emulate, and for good reason.

Tannea Nelson, a former El Cerrito High star now a junior at Cal State Northridge, was inspired by what she saw in Sheryl Swoopes, a one-time NCAA champion with Texas Tech and probably the most well-known woman player in America.

"She has a great all-around game," said Nelson, a 6-0 guard/

'It gives some little girls some big girls to look up to, just like little boys look up to older men.'

— MONICA ORTEGA, HOLY NAMES HIGH BASKETBALL PLAYER

forward, like Swoopes. "She's always aggressive on offense with the ball and on defense. She's a great rebounder and a great scorer. She's the kind of player I want to be like. It gives me an urge to want to be out there. Watching them play makes me want to work harder to get to that level."

Gina McCray, another former EC star who attends St. Mary's College, had her eye on Daw Staley.

"I got to see my favorite player in the world," said McCray of Staley. "When she played at Virginia she had the same height as me, she's 5-6, and she never gave up. She's very aggressive and she always played hard, especially the defensive end. She got cut from the first USA team and she's back. That just shows you that she's very determined."

McCray is that same kind of player. She had problems with her knees in high school, then later found out her ACL was torn. Still, she has dreams.

McCray and the others may never

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Albany tennis player sanctioned by USTA

Amy Taguchi, a 12-year-old seventh-grader at Albany Middle School, was sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association in the 14-Year-Old Division as a junior qualifier in Stockton.

It was her first attempt in the USTA.

In the final match Taguchi beat 13-year-old Christina Feng of Palo Alto, 6-4, 6-4.

The next day, despite picking up a lateness penalty because of arriving four minutes late for her 8 a.m. match with 13-year-old Lynn Quitoriano of Danville.

Taguchi went on to the final round, winning 6-2, 6-2, in the semifinals.

In the quarterfinal, Taguchi beat 14-year-old Kendylla Whiting of Santa Cruz, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Riddle, Boos honored at St. Mary's

By John Gardella

Two key St. Mary's players from last season's Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League divisional champion football team won the school's top athletic honors at this year's graduation.

Nick Boos, a lineman who played both sides of the ball for the ACCAL Rock Division champ,

won the school's most inspirational athlete award.

Boos, who is heading to Cal to play football, was voted the division's outstanding lineman after he helped lead the Panthers to their second straight division title. The senior also competed for the school's track and field team all four years, excelling in the discus.

The school's outstanding athlete

award went to Mark David Riddle. A football-baseball player, Riddle will attend San Jose State in the fall and play for the school's baseball team.

"Nick's (Boos) overall performance for his high school career in football and track was outstanding," said St. Mary's athletic director and football coach Dan Shaughnessy. "I think he'll be successful at the next level both as an athlete and as a student."

Riddle was an all-league selection as a center for the football team. He captured all-league honors for the third straight year as the baseball team's catcher.

"Mark and Nick had great careers at St. Mary's," said Shaughnessy. "And I'm sure they'll both be successful in college."

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I wanted to be on a team and be a go-to player. I wanted my team to rely on me when they need a basket, to give me the ball."

As a 6-foot-5 center, Leslie will be able to do that. But with the Olympic exposure, and she'll be very hard to miss with her height and skills. This Californian will provide the go-to model for future female players the world over.

"I think that we've been provided a great opportunity through the media to be role models for little girls," said Leslie, who also happens to be a runway fashion model. "It's unfortunate that when we were little girls we didn't have the opportunity to look at other women (players).

"To say that I'm a role model is really great. To have a little girl want my jersey and my autograph, is a good opportunity because maybe I can change her life. Then again, as far as the future goes, maybe one day they'll have a league here to play in, hopefully in the ABL or WNBA or whatever goes on. We can continue to prosper as far as women's basketball goes as a whole."

Unlike many professional male athletes, players such as Leslie and Steding seem to relish the role of role model.

"It's inspiring to be a role model," said Steding. "When you know there are little kids watching, you play even harder because you know it's not just for you. It's a good feeling to be looked up to. When I was growing up, I thought Bill Walton was coolest because the Blazers had just won the NBA Championship. I thought the Blazers were just everything."

"For the first few years that I played, from third through sixth grade, I had to play with the boys. There's a lot more opportunities for young girls now. They can look up to people like Sheryl (Swoopes) and Lisa (Leslie) and Rebecca (Lobo) and Teresa (Edwards) and Katrina (McClain), everybody on our team. It's a much better situation now."

Steding said Edwards expressed the feeling of the team the best when they came together 10 months ago.

"She said, 'Little girls need big girls to look up to.' It's a good situation for role models."



USA's Katy Steding, right, fights Canada's Kelly Boucher for ball at the Coliseum Sunday.

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see the court past college, but at least now they can ask their favorite female stars to carry those dreams to an end.

Although Ortega and most others wanted Leslie to dunk at the end of the game, the demand for that kind of show is not like men's basketball. Ortega said the men's power game gets kind of boring after a while. The women's game is much more her style.

"All it is, is dunking, nothing but flash," said Ortega of the men's game. "But here, it was pure basketball. It's not the same as the men's game in every sense, be-

cause it's at a different level. I'm not sure if it should be compared to men. They (the women) made their own game. It's a game of their own."

The possibility of a professional women's league is exciting, because it gives girls something to look forward to after college.

"At first when we started it was like, 'OK, I want to play college ball.' And now I can actually say I want to play professional ball. It gives some little girls some big girls to look up to, just like little boys look up to older men."

Ortega sat with her father Robert and mother Lydia. Her sister, Dominique, also watched. Robert Ortega said he has already seen the progress women's sports has made in his two daughters' short life-

times alone.

"When Monica started in fourth grade she was playing hardball and basketball, but always with the boys because in her school she didn't have girls teams," said the elder Ortega. "I think it's going to be a little different for Dominique, because she has somebody to look up to. She's already getting into it. It's going to be easier for her because she has her sister to teach her."

Michelle Welch and Christine Lau both play basketball at the Head-Royce School. Like many other female athletes, they also started playing sports with guys. They were inspired, and jealous, of the talent displayed by the women they saw Sunday.

"It was something you can envy,"

said Lau. "Everybody dreams about going to the Olympics. It's not like the NBA where they are asking for \$12 million. They're not getting paid that much, but they get to go to the Olympics."

"These girls have a chance to do what all college players want to do," added Welch. "Go play against Europe and countries you would otherwise not get to go to."

Even with the opportunities for women, Welch sees more ahead.

"I think women's sports is on the rise still," she said. "I think we get respect, but not enough. There are still some guys who say girls can't play it. I think these (U.S. Team) players are role models, because they work harder than any other basketball team."

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in the NBA draft, well, it happens, the hell with it.

That's how he's coming to think, and if you don't believe me, mull over the sentence from the Cal media guide. "(Fowlkes) is considered the Pac-10's best NBA prospect" (The Sporting News).

If even the Cal media endorses Fowlkes' quest for NBA, why should Fowlkes be any differently?

Bozeman told Fowlkes 'No' was the most eloquent sentence Bozeman ever has uttered.

So, we can understand Fowlkes, but that doesn't mean we have to approve. On the contrary, we approve of Bozeman. Apparently, the gods of basketball, because Bozeman sent Fowlkes away, Abdur-Rahim Saleem. Looked at a certain way, the story of a good man Bozeman, getting what he deserves. It's nice to know there are still a few ethical people in sports.

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Werner's nearly 35 years of experience as a professional pianist and teacher included several years with saxophonist Archie Shepp, a stint as piano chair with the Mel Lewis Orchestra, and teaching in the jazz program at the New School in New York.

Werner's clinic will explore his idea that "in order to play masterfully, one must play effortlessly. If we have to try to do it, or think about doing it, we have not mastered it."

Live at Visiones is Werner's latest CD; he made his Concord Jazz debut.

Tickets are \$25 for the clinic, \$20 for the performance. For reservations call 848-3228.

Attention on authors

Berkeley Historical Society focuses on the literary scene — 1890s to present — with its current exhibit at its museum site at the Veterans Building, 1931 Center St.

On display are books, notebooks, sketches and working places of writers who have made Berkeley their home. Represented are Louise Fuller, Frank Norris, George R. Stewart, Anthony Boucher, Josephine Miles, Allen Ginsberg, Gary Snyder, Dorothy Bryant, Thacher Hurd and William S. Burroughs.

Hours are Thursday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Entry is free. Call 848-0181 for information.

Intimate opera

Two of history's most popular and powerful tragic love stories, *Madama Butterfly* and *La Traviata*, come to new life in the 1996 season of a new Berkeley-based opera company called Opera Stelle del Ciel.

On June 16, 22 and 29, at Berkeley's St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Founded in order to focus the experience of opera on the beauty of the music and explore a more personal and intimate experience than can be found in grand opera, Opera Stelle del Ciel will present works in highlighted versions with piano, sung in their original language with the aid of a detailed plot summary and a narrative.

This Friday evening at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m., Opera Stelle del Ciel presents Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, the heart-rending story of a proud Japanese woman abandoned by an American sailor. Helen Nace plays the tragic hero, Cio-Cio San, and Sharon Kaye and Shouvik Mondle are in other major roles.

On June 22 and 29 (Saturday, 8 p.m., and Saturday at 3 p.m.), the company performs Verdi's *La Traviata*, in which a wealthy Parisian courtesan chooses true love and its attendant sacrifices despite the deadly disease she must ultimately pay. *La Traviata* also presents Helen Nace in the title role, with Sharon Kaye, Michael York, and Shouvik Mondle rounding out the cast.

Both *Madama Butterfly* and *La Traviata* will be musically directed by Russell Norman, and staged by Robert Love.

All performances of Opera Stelle del Ciel's debut season take place at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft at Ellsworth in Berkeley. Shows are \$10, \$8 for students and seniors; tickets are available at the door. For more information call 527-6363.

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Opening Friday, "Last of the Ultimate Bungalows: the William R. Green House of Greene and Greene" is a nine-week exhibition of architecture and furnishings designed by renowned turn-of-the-century California architects Charles Sumner Greene and Henry Mather Greene. The exhibition features the reinstallation, for the first time in more than 50 years, of the complete, original furniture and related decorative arts designed by the celebrated Greene brothers for the William R. Thorsen house at 2307 Piedmont Ave. in Berkeley.

The Thorsen commission was the last of the Greenes' "ultimate bungalows," a rarefied handful of elaborate wooden residences with furnishings designed and crafted during the Greenes' brief, but classic period of design from 1907-1909.

In the words of Greene and Greene scholar Randell Makinson, "The Green House remains the most significant example of the Greenes' bungalow architecture in the northern part of California and is one of the best examples of the Arts and Crafts Movement in the Bay Area."

Superior craftsmanship and the Greenes' particular esthetic sense are united to produce a uniquely northern-California house, simultaneously influenced by Japanese design and the robust and rustic Arts and Crafts architectural tradition of the region.

In addition to original Greene-and-Greene-designed furniture, the exhibition will feature important antique Oriental rugs which were originally used in the house, as well as outstanding examples of decorative arts from the Arts and Crafts movement, including metalwork, textiles, and art glass. A symposium of lectures by noted scholars in the field will accompany the opening of the exhibition, and original Greene and Greene drawings for the Thorsen House and other commissions will be mounted in a related exhibit at the University Art Museum in cooperation with the College of Environmental Design Documents Collection, UC Berkeley.

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Fawn Yacker films actors from Malcolm X's fourth-grade for "Shakespeare's Children."

Film captures elementary school Shakespeare

By Carol Egan

The Shakespeare Project at Malcolm X School, founded by parent volunteer Kate Kline May, continues to be one of the most innovative programs in the Berkeley public school system. Soon, it will be on film.

Watching the students learn Shakespeare, then watching them perform it, she noticed that many children seemed to be transformed by the experience. "I thought it would really make a good movie." May started Malcolm X's Shakespeare program five years ago. "Since then there has been this cascade of programs all over," says May. "But I believe to this day that the Shakespeare Project at Malcolm X is the only public school, curriculum-coordinated program in the country. It's part of the classroom experience, not an after-school program, an add-on, a special enrichment activity, or exclusively for

gifted kids.

"It's for normal students in classrooms with very homogeneous student populations."

Some 300 students per semester take part in the Shakespeare Project, which starts in the fourth grade and goes through the sixth. May is currently working on plans to extend it into junior high (7th and 8th grades). She calls herself "an uncredentialed, inspired amateur" teacher, but has certainly studied Shakespeare (her brother is renowned actor Kevin Kline) and was teaching children's drama when a parent approached her about taking Shakespeare to Malcolm X.

"I was very reluctant and said, 'You just can't teach this stuff with any depth to kids that age.' But she persuaded me," May says.

The classroom teacher prepared her students for the experience, and they were ready when May arrived. "Next thing I knew, I was doing acting exercises and a week later I

was asked by four other teachers to come to their classrooms. I would never have predicted this. It was perfect timing with really smart teachers who understood the potential."

May volunteer taught for one semester. "Then I got a little grant, paid myself a little money, and got a graduate student from the Drama Department at Cal to help me," she says. From there the project grew, with additional funding coming from a variety of sources.

When asked if it wasn't very difficult being the director, main administrator, fund-raiser, and publicist, May responded, "I really like being the fearless leader and being the catalytic designer/founder of this because it meant that I really did shape it the way I thought that I wanted. If I really had to work through a committee, I would fail, because I'm too much of an autocrat. I want to do it this way. I want it to be excellent. I want it to be really challenging."

Documenting the program

The segue from classroom teaching to filmmaking was not a difficult one. A former filmmaker, videographer and performance artist before becoming a mother 13 years before, May admitted, "This was a way to combine my interest in children, my activist work in the schools, and my interest in media."

She was able to attract two gifted directors, Allie Light and Irving Saraf, who together have won numerous awards for their films. Her brother offered to narrate the film. And so *Shakespeare's Children* was born. With the time commitment this new project required, May had to quit the Shakespeare Project.

Now, three years after filming the children, May is busy complet-

One book fan's list of good summer reading

"Customers frequently ask us for advice on books for entertaining reading with which they can loll away the summer months," says Cody's Books owner Andy Ross.

In response, Ross compiled the following list. It includes books that are fun to read, engrossing and at the same time, usually of superior literary quality, according to Ross.

NATIVE TONGUE by Carl Hiaasen. Carl Hiaasen is the most entertaining and amusing author of crime fiction writing today. *Native Tongue* is my favorite, but all of his books are equally enjoyable, filled with ultra-sleazoid weirdos from South Florida intent on robbing the environment or fleeing tourists. You will marvel at the sheer loathsomeness of his characters. (Read the rest of his novels, too: *Strip Tease*, *Skin Tight*, *Double Whammy*, and *Tourist Season*.)

MOO by Jane Smiley. We have previously recommended Smiley's masterpiece *A Thousand Acres*, a retelling of the King Lear legend on an American family farm. In *Moo*, Smiley tries her hand at satire and succeeds magnificently. The subject is Moo University and it contains all the devious plots, intrigues, and lusty liaisons one expects of academia as well as some serious themes on American life.

CLASS by Paul Fussell. *Class* is the funniest book I have ever read; a curmudgeon's guide through the American class system! Learn which magazines on your coffee table show your true class origins and pretensions. Learn the sports class rule of thumb ("The bigger the ball, the lower the class"). Fussell will deconstruct your home and wardrobe and make you die laughing as he does it. He is truly the Samuel Johnson of modern America, and usually right on the mark.

SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS by David Guterson. Everyone at Cody's has read and loved this book. A perfectly crafted novel of Puget Sound in the 1950s, it is all at once a love story, a court room drama, a murder mystery and a moral tale of American prejudice against wartime Japanese Americans. The story and characters will remain with you long after you have finished.

THE ENDS OF THE EARTH by Robert Kaplan. This is travel journalism with great vision and social insight. The book chronicles Kaplan's journey through West Africa, Egypt, Turkey, Iran, the Caucasus, Central Asia, India, and Cambodia. Kaplan articulates a dark and fascinating vision of chaos, ethnic violence, cultural struggles and the collapse of the nation state, themes which he believes will dominate the world of the 21st century. (Levin writes).

Shakespeare season opens

The "Fat Knight" Falstaff returns as rambunctious, scheming, and randy as ever to open California Shakespeare's '96 season with *The Merry Wives of Windsor* this Saturday at the Bruns Memorial Amphitheatre in Orinda. Played by Joe Vincent, last season's Falstaff in *Henry IV, Part 1*, in love, cuts a wide swath through the village of Windsor, where Shakespeare captures the essence of small town life with his satirical eye.

Robert Kelley, artistic director of TheatreWorks and winner of Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards, directs the production.

The play previews tonight and tomorrow at 8. During the play's regular run, pre-performance Bard talks begin at 7:15 p.m. The Bruns Amphitheatre's parklike setting opens two hours before the show for picknicking, and gourmet food is available on the grounds.

For tickets call 548-9666 or 843-9921.

California Shakespeare's '96 season will also include *Henry V*, *Twelfth Night*, and *Measure for Measure*.

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Lawyer's novel tells panhandler's tale

By Renata Polt

Fully Armed: The Story of Jimmy Don Polk, a "work of biographic fiction" by Berkeley attorney/author Bob Levin, deals with the life of Berkeley panhandler Jimmy Don Polk, with Bob Levin's life, and with the writing of the book itself.

If that's not enough, it's also about Vietnam, Texas, and People's Park. Levin's obsession about how and why he's going to write the book can get annoyingly self-referential, but it takes up much less room than Jimmy Polk's own story, which is what's interesting. Anyone who has ever wondered about how Berkeley's street people became what they are will find some answers here.

The black homeless man in a wheelchair whom everyone knew as Jimmy was a fixture in front of the Shattuck Avenue Wells Fargo



Bob Levin with Jimmy Don Polk, subject of Levin's "fictional biography."

Bank, near Levin's law office.

Jimmy's perpetual cheerfulness and his smile were what distinguished him from the legion of other panhandlers ("On the one block to my office, a toothless old woman, a man pushing three shopping carts, a skinny girl in a burnoose on roller skates, and a fellow tearing scraps of paper off a PG&E pole asked me for change," Levin writes).

How little the handicapped man had to smile about was what Levin found out when he offered him a part-time job answering phones in the law office. The story of Jimmy's adventures and misadventures in Vietnam, recorded by Levin and written in Jimmy's own words (complete with "I seen" and "He be") makes up a good half of the book, and although it runs on a bit longer than it needs to, it's until-

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Early photographs of the Thorsen House, never before exhibited, will comprise a special component of the exhibit.

Folktale becomes opera

A powerfully resonant story common to Scottish, Irish, Inuit, and other northern cultures comes to new life in *The Sealwoman*, a chamber opera by composer/librettist Sarah Michael presented by the Lyric Opera of Berkeley and Zig Zag Theatre, June 20-23, at Berkeley's Julia Morgan Theater.



Susan Rode Morris, sealwoman.

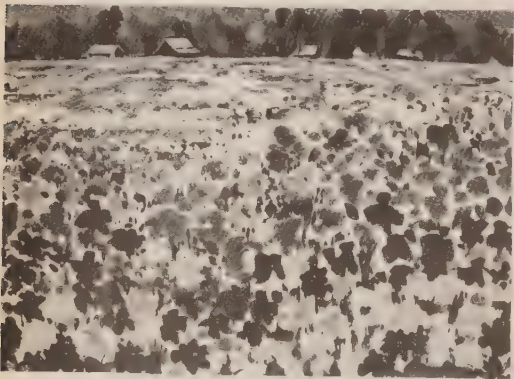
The Sealwoman begins at the seashore, on the edge of two worlds, when a lonely man encounters three female Selkies (mythical creatures who are seals in the water but take human form on the land) singing on the rocks.

The man steals one of the Selkies' seal skin and thereby compels her to become his wife for seven years, during which time the two find happiness and start a family. All the while, however, the woman continues to dream of the sea, and resolves to return to her former life despite her husband's efforts to keep the family together.

Directed by choreographer/multi-disciplinary theater artist Cheryl Koehler, featuring soprano Susan Rode Morris in the title role, and integrated with poetry by Emily Dickinson and e e cummings, *The Sealwoman* is a universal tale of love and loss, entrapment and redemption, and the wisdom gained from experience.

Among the recent versions of the folk story that inspired *The Sealwoman* are Dr. Clarissa Pinkola-Estes' book *Women Who Run With The Wolves* and John Sayles' movie *The Secret of Roan Inish*.

The Sealwoman runs Thursday through Sunday, June 20 - 23, at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Performance times are 8 p.m. For reservations and more information contact City Arts Box Office at 798-1387. Tickets are also available at BASS (762-BASS).



Visit the artist

Berkeley artist Lewis Suzuki will hold an open studio at 2240 Grant St. on June 15-16 and 22-23, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., or by appointment. Call 849-1427. Above is Suzuki's award-winning watercolor "Summer Field."

Poetry competition entries welcome

Poets wishing to enter the 10th annual Anna Davidson Rosenberg Award for Poems on the Jewish Experience, the only worldwide competition for unpublished poetry in English on the Jewish experience, should send a self-addressed stamped envelope for entry form and guidelines by July 31 to Poetry Award, Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley 94705.

Sponsored by the Magnes Museum, the Rosenberg Award is endowed by the descendants of community leader Anna Davidson Rosenberg. Each year, hundreds of poets enter the competition, open only to unpublished poems in English. Winners have included such recognized poets as Philip Terman, Alicia

Awards include first prize (\$100), second prize (\$50), third prize (\$25), Emerging Poet Award (\$25), and honorable mentions. Writers under age 19 are also eligible for a Youth Commendation, and poets over 65 are also eligible for a Senior Award. Winning poems will be read in an awards ceremony at the Magnes during Chanukah.



Brendan Sexton Jr. and Heather Matarazzo in 'Welcome to the Dollhouse.'

A not-too-adorable American family

By Renata Polt

"Is eighth grade better than seventh?" asks seventh-grader Dawn Wiener of her older brother, Mark. "Not really," he answers.

It's this kind of bleak humor, more bleak than humorous, that characterizes *Welcome to the Dollhouse*, a first feature written, directed, and produced by Todd Solondz.

Dawn (Heather Matarazzo) is experiencing seventh grade at its most unbearable. Chubby, bespectacled, and dorkily dressed, Dawn is the subject of her classmates' scorn. "Hi, Dawn, sorry to bother you, but are you a lesbian?" a group of girls ask in the cafeteria.

Other kids call her "Wiener-dog." Dawn, who just wants to be popular, dishes out abuse at the other end, calling her little sister Missy "lesbo."

If school is ghastly, life at home is no better. The disgustingly cute Missy (Daria Kalinina) lives in a dream world of ballet and stuffed animals. The girls' brother Mark (Matthew Faber), a high school student, is a computer whiz and also has his own rock band (never mind that it's tinny and derivative).

The kids' parents, played by Angela Pietropinto and Bill Buell, coo over Missy and allow Mark his freedom; Dawn, the stereotypical middle child, gets no respect.

And it wouldn't be adolescence without rampaging hormones.

Although Mark, who claims to be interested in girls, in fact cares only about what will look good on his college application, Dawn is intrigued by sex, even willingly going along with tough classmate Brandon McCarthy (Brendan Sexton, Jr.) when he threatens to rape her.

Dawn's real passion, though, is

hunky Steve Rodgers (Eric Mabius), the high school heart throb who plays in Mark's band. Mistaking Steve's friendliness for sexual attraction, Dawn throws herself at him, with predictably humiliating results.

Todd Solondz sure has junior high down cold. But when I wasn't squirming with recognition, I was all too aware of Solondz's inexperience as a writer/director.

For one thing, it would help if at least a few of the characters, including Dawn, the protagonist, were a bit more likeable. The kids are uniformly humorless. Of course, given the Wiener family, a sense of humor might be too much to expect.

The adults, especially Dawn's mother and her teacher, Mrs. Grissom, are out-and-out gargoyles. The mother, often shot in extreme closeup, her mouth leering, forces Dawn to stay at the dining table until she tells little sister Missy she loves her, and both parents laugh at a video of Dawn being pushed into a pool.

Those adults who aren't grotesquely mean are clueless. "Are you having social problems?" the school principal asks Dawn in a triumphal understatement, like asking a person obviously dying of AIDS, "Don't you feel well?"

Solondz also has problems getting the best performances out of his actors. Heather Matarazzo is pretty convincing as Dawn, but the much more experienced actor Matthew Faber as Mark is wooden. The adults mug and overact, though maybe that's what Solondz had in mind.

Whatever its shortcomings, though, *Welcome to the Dollhouse* provides us with all too vivid memories of those junior high school years — not nearly short enough, but plenty nasty and brutish.

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ing the editing on a digital video system which runs on a Macintosh, state-of-the-art editing technology which she is fortunate to have on loan. The final edit, which would require too much memory even for the high-powered computer May is using, will be done professionally in a local studio. She anticipates having a very solid rough cut done by the end of the summer.

The project has been neither easy nor inexpensive, having cost over \$50,000 so far and about three years of May's life in production and five years in terms of the overall work. She admits, "I can't afford to give it away. Ultimately I think its shelf

life will depend on its reception in the educational market. It's being edited for a general audience so that you and I could watch it and be entertained and inspired. But I think it's going to be sold to an educational audience so that people can use it as a tool for inspiring this kind of performing arts education.

"If *Shakespeare's Children* is good, I would love to see it have a short theatrical run just because it would be so thrilling to see it on a large screen."

Jimmy Don Polk

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ingly riveting.

Equally interesting is Jimmy's account of life as a Berkeley panhandler. Berkeley itself was a revelation — a "giant carnival" — to the young man from Waxahatchie, Texas, and learning the ropes took some time.

The mechanics of a homeless person's day-to-day life — where he sleeps, where he gets food, what gimmicks he might use to persuade pedestrians to part with their spare change, how he gets on with other homeless people — make for fascinating reading.

Levin's involvement with Jimmy Polk was born in part from the author's disillusionment with his law career, but the attorney's wish to make a book out of Jimmy's story comes out of a need to show the world a side of life it hasn't seen: "The people with these lives — shattered upon the rocks of war and paralysis, drug addiction and homelessness — deserved to be experienced whole. The rest of us

needed to know where the world's brothers," Levin writes.

Well and good. But Levin's veracity of the story is really in 'Nam, a member of an "elite unit" of convicts to perform the Army's dirty work. Did his paralysis really result from a wound obtained in action?

As Levin probes Jimmy's story and its surfaces in Berkeley, he appears once more, the author to examine what "life" is well as his own motivation. Jimmy's friends lie, then where's Levin's book? And does he really know Jimmy's friends?

Whether or not this spin adds to *Fully Armed*, you'll never look at the Telegraph Avenue and less denizens the same way. ■ **Bob Levin, *Fully Armed: The Story of Jimmy Polk*, Baskerville Publishers, 244 pages, \$21.**

Reading

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RUSH LIMBAUGH IS A BIG FAT IDIOT by Al Franken. Saturday Night Live writer Al Franken goes on an orgy of political lampooning, mostly (but not exclusively) against conservatives. His stories will keep you laughing.

I SHOULD HAVE STAYED HOME ed. by R. Rapoport and M. Castanera. This anthology of tales about the worst trips by great writers has been wildly popular with our customers. You will experience great amusement and schadenfreude the disastrous journeys of Barbara Kingsolver, Mary Mackey, Isabel Allende and lots more.

DR. GENERIC WILL SEE YOU NOW by Dr. Oscar London. Berkeley physician Dr. Arlen Cohn, aka Oscar London, M.D., is the Woody Allen of the medical profession. His classic book of medical humor. Kill As Few Patients As Possible, has sold thousands of copies at Cody's. In this new book, Oscar London goes after managed care medicine with great humor and insight. Give this book to

your doctor; he'll die in 10 years. This is the best page in years. A rich man's son of his \$10 million estate. Vietnamese child. The child creates a beautiful breathtaking thriller.

THE DEAL by Peter Hollywood. This is an easy read. That said, this is the best ever written lampoon of the industry and specifically deal making. Thoroughly hilarious twists. Gladstone and Drey converted into a Schindler thriller. Also a baseball thriller.

JASMINE by Bharati India. Has written immigrant experience in the U.S. and wit. The human family's poverty and State of her village to New York (and improbably) to a large twist and turns of much about Americana and an outsider. Funny and

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Enterprising couple fills unique niche with fun haircuts

Dave Greer

There is a first time for everything in life, and that first time may be fraught with angst or worse. A child's haircut in an adult barber shop can be a frightening experience, but in an environment specially designed for little people, it becomes slam-dunk fun. Roy Bahmanyar and his wife Darlene believe they have identified a need for barber shops primarily to children, and they have opened two of them — Snippetty Crickets — in the last 10 months. One is in San Francisco at 3562 Sacramento St., and the other at 1750 Solano Avenue in Berkeley.

Some children are afraid of getting their hair cut," said Roy. "Many are so young they don't feel that their hair is part of their body and that a part of them is being cut off, as if they are losing something."

"There is a lot tied up in a haircut. We wanted a place where there would be no anxiety, and where the children and their parents would be really comfortable." If a child seems overly apprehensive about getting into the chair on a haircut, he or she is encouraged to play for a time and come back another day for the haircut.

To create this relaxed atmo-

sphere, Roy and Darlene have completely remodeled the stores they rented and trimmed them in the warm red and yellow colors attractive to children. The front window is full of eye-catching toys including model airplanes, boats, cars, and a train which runs on time all day.

These items, along with the quality children's clothing, stuffed toys, and gift items, are all for sale at reasonable prices. "We did very well with the boys' bomber jackets at Christmas," says Roy indicating a rack of them which look capable of lofting any youthful flying fantasy into the wild blue yonder.

In the back of the shop are three barber chairs overlooked by hundreds of color photographs of the children who have occupied them. Many smiling parents and grandparents are also displayed.

"We put them on the walls because the kids enjoy seeing themselves and because they think things are OK if they see pictures of their friends," says Roy. Parents are given the negative if they want pictures for themselves. And every child walks out the door with a complimentary lollipop.

Since neither Roy nor Darlene are barbers themselves, they hire licensed barbers who show a willingness and aptitude for



Photos by Dave Greer

Wolfgang Alders of Berkeley, 4-1/2, gets his hair cut by Bobbie Delgado at Snippetty Crickets, 1753 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Darlene and Roy Bahmanyar, who opened the shop which caters to children, look on.

working with children. "It's not easy to find the right people right for the job, but we have been very fortunate," Roy says.

Parents and even grandparents sometimes get their hair cut too. "A woman asked me once what our customers age range here was," Darlene recalls. "I told her we have cut people's hair from 3

months to 80 years. A father brought the 3-year-old in recently and got him a crew cut just like his own."

To maintain an entirely healthful atmosphere, the shop uses no chemicals and does not do perms or dyeing. The barbers wear T-shirts bearing the store's Snippetty Crickets logo, a

sprightly little cricket with a pair of scissors in one hand and a comb in the other. Although people tend to assume Snippetty is some relation of Disney's well-known Jiminy, the Bahmanyars say he isn't.

From far away

"I just always liked crickets," says Roy. "There were many of them where I grew up in Iran." Born in 1935 in the little town of Rudsar by the Caspian Sea of which his father was mayor, young Keykhosrow — he became Roy when an American roommate couldn't pronounce his name — loved American movies and dreamed of coming to this country.

"I liked Westerns and movies like *Singing in the Rain*," says Roy. "I thought everybody in American sang in the streets and nobody thought they were nuts."

Upon graduation from high school in Teheran, Roy was drafted into the Iranian army. He did a two-year hitch and emerged an officer. He worked for his brother in the jewelry business for a couple of years, but felt there was no future for him there. "To get anywhere you had to know somebody or pay somebody," he says. "And I wanted a clean, decent life."

In 1961 Roy arrived in Oakland with a student visa, which led to full citizenship, was graduated from Laney College in Oakland and subsequently attended Armstrong Business College in that city. He also began tending bar at the Edgewater Inn on Hegenberger Road, and later at Larry Blake's Anchor Restaurant on University Avenue and The Grotto in Jack London Square.

Roy also served in the United States Army Reserve until 1976 when he turned 40. He was given the rank of second lieutenant as this was the closest rank to that of third lieutenant he had held in the Iranian Army.

"They asked me in the event of war with Iran which side would I fight on," he remembers with a smile. "There is no way I would be on Iran's side. The mullahs set the country back 800 years, maybe a thousand."

Promoted to bar manager at the

Anchor, Roy was in a position to hire — and subsequently marry — Darlene Jaroscat when she came in looking for a job as waitress. In 1973 he began tending bar and waiting on tables at Spenger's in Berkeley.

"I had never been a waiter, but my first day I was given the low ceiling room with 26 tables in it," Roy recalls. He often worked 11-hour shifts and found that with tips he made more as a waiter than a bar tender.

Darlene had worked as an assistant department store buyer — she does the buying for Snippetty Crickets now — and was one of the partners founding Chateau Real Estate in Albany. The couple lived on Carmel Avenue in Albany for 16 years until moving to Berkeley in 1986 for a larger home. Their daughter, Kimberly, who graduated from Albany High School, now works with a San Francisco advertising firm.

In 1989 Roy and Darlene opened a business in Sacramento importing used Japanese automobile engines and transmissions. But four years later sharp Japanese business practices combined with greatly increased competition by Russians after the collapse of the Soviet Union ended this venture. "If we could have gotten what people wanted we would have been millionaires," Roy says wryly.

Youthful clientele

The Bahmanyars liked the idea of the barbering business because of the control they could have over it, the fact there is only one other similar shop in the Bay Area, and because it catered to children. "We love kids and get along really well with them," Darlene says. "This is not like work for us."

Because the San Francisco shop is near the Laurel Village shopping area with many stores that attract children, business has picked up more quickly there than in north Berkeley. But Roy believes they are doing well as most customers hear about the unique business by word of mouth.

"And until June we weren't even in the yellow pages," he says.

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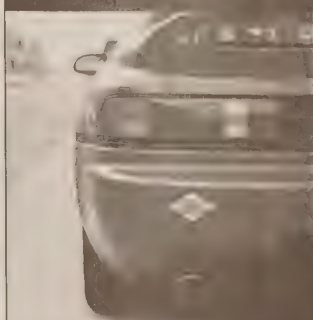
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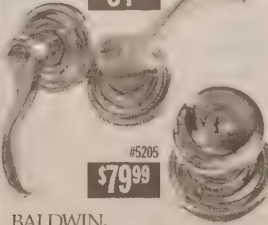
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A movement worth remembering

Banned in Beijing: That was the fate of "The Gate of Heavenly Peace," which the Chinese government also tried to get dropped from the 1995 New York Film Festival.

This first-rate documentary marking this month's seventh anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre — and the first to tell of it from a Chinese point of view — aired on many PBS stations last week. Channel 9, for some reason, held it for a week. But "Gate" finally premiered in the Bay Area Tuesday on KQED, and I recommend it highly.

American filmmakers Carla Hinton (born and raised in China) and Richard Gordon (he's done several PBS China specials) worked on this project six years, emerging with an unglamorous but highly absorbing film that probes deep within the student democracy movement, one whose idealism inspired the world.

The film opens with the most memorable and striking image from the brutal June 4, 1989, crackdown — that of a lone, still-unidentified man bravely

blocking a column of People's Liberation Army tanks.

But another striking image remains after watching this revealing two-and-a-half-hour documentary: That of a handful of student leaders who'd occupied the square, kneeling in front of the Great Hall of The People — in effect begging Prime Minister Li Peng (aka "The Butcher of Beijing") to come out and accept their petition.

Says top student leader **Chai Ling**, an exile whose tearful and emotional recollections of 1989's events are used extensively in this film: "When we saw our classmates kneeling there and holding the petition with raised arms, everyone cried. In it were our suggestions to the government, but we had to hand it in kneeling down. No one paid any attention. No one came forward to accept it."

The filmmakers note: "Here was human hope and courage challenging the remorseless machinery of state power."

What's also striking in all these interviews with student democracy leaders — many were jailed and/or are now exiles — is how unrelentingly polite and well-motivated these young Chinese are.

Comparisons with the occasionally angry and violent '60s U.S. protest movement are inevitable. But here there is no hint of drug use among these young Chinese; there is little anger, only dismay and disappointment with China's leaders; troops are cheered, not jeered, when they enter and then leave the huge square for the first time; the protesters are reverent, neat and well-mannered beyond many Americans' dreams.

If the government can crush and kill young people this well-motivated, the film implies, what does this say about Peng and that country's Communist gerontocracy?

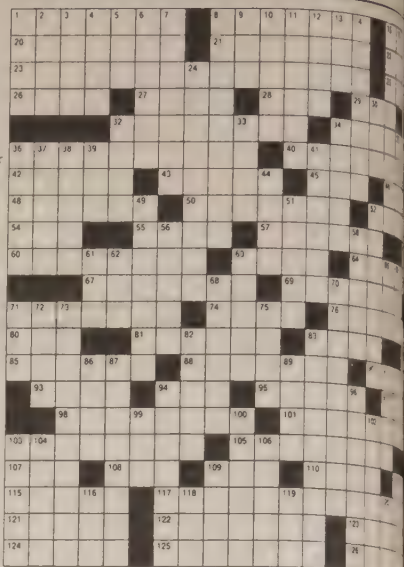
"Gate," through its extensive use of often-fascinating archival footage, provides Americans with a crash course in recent Chinese history. It points out that the participants in another student protest there in 1919 are now considered glorious heroes

New York Times Magazine Puzzle

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in the the official communist Chinese version of history. Hinton explains: "When the students of 1989 occupied Tiananmen Square, they made their headquarters next to the monument, next to images of other students who changed China's history."

"They were consciously associating themselves with the tradition of student protest."

The film also traces China's economic reforms after the once-disgraced Deng Xiaoping's return to power after Chairman Mao's death. Shortly after Deng's first visit to the United States, we see funny film of comedian Bob Hope visiting the Great Wall — carrying a 3-wood. It's one of the stranger segments in the film, certainly

one of the few humorous ones.

But the shots of the peripatetic comic may well have been included here for a more subtle reason, one linked to his last name:

That's because when the student-erected statue of the Goddess of Democracy was toppled by the PLA, hope — for awhile, anyway — had vanished from China.

MULTIMEDIA NOTES:

Free-plug Dept.: Yours truly guests on **Ronn Owens'** popular KGO Radio (810 AM) talk show Thursday morning at 11 ... **Steve Little**, long-time weekend news anchor on KCBS Radio, is a rising star at Channel 4: He's now doing KRON-TV's overnight news cut-ins Monday

through Wednesday evenings. "They don't have any black reporters or male anchors at KRON," says Little, surveying the territory. Until now. And with giant Westinghouse having gobbled up KCBS, Little realizes there's a brighter future elsewhere. (He's down to one all-night Sunday shift on the radio station) ... **KABL-AM**, which now brings in its big-band format (at 960 AM) via satellite from L.A., will go live soon — that is, when new owner Chancellor finally hammers out a new union contract with its four stations here. One of those

expected to be in KABL lineup of well-known personalities, sources former KSFQ voice, the "Dating Game" TV host, works at a San Jose station on weekends. **KPIX** Radio talk host **Thurston** wasn't so sure; insists her boss, station **Blaise Howard**, for franchise player Dr. **Schlesinger** on the air. "She got a uh, vacation," says Howard, apparently planted in

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Center for Independent Living celebrates with supporters

Members of the disability community and others joined together recently to celebrate progress and honor individuals and organizations for the valuable work at the Center for Independent Living's annual dinner benefit at the Claremont Resort and Tennis Club in Oakland.

The event was attended by approximately 300 participants, including leaders in the corporate world, the political arena, and the disability community. The funds raised are used by CIL to provide services, education, and training that empower people with disabilities to achieve full and independent lives in our communities. This year's honorees were Lois Smiley, founder, Black Deaf Advocates; Robert M. Fisher, director, The San Francisco Foundation; Nordstrom; and Kendal and Frank Butler, Friends of CIL.

Also honored were Al and Phyllis Minor, of Arlington Community Church. For the past 12 years, the Arlington Community Church in Kensington has hosted a camping program for youth with disabilities in Cazadero. The camping program began when David and BJ Walton, members of both the Arlington Community Church and CIL's Board of Directors, began discussions with CIL on how to make the church's property in Cazadero accessible to people with disabilities.

With funds raised by the church and money donated by Peets Coffee, doors were widened, a ramp was built, and grab bars were placed in the bathrooms. Then came first

trip of 10 youths with disabilities. I At camp, young people with disabilities are encouraged to participate fully and to try new things. There are many opportunities for fun—shuffleboard, volleyball, mountain golf, board games, playing in the creek, and just having fun. All meals are eaten outdoors under the redwood trees and we sleep in tents or under the stars.

In the early 1980s Lois Smiley founded National Black Deaf Advocates to meet the needs of black persons who are deaf by addressing their concerns, challenging them to achieve their full potential, and developing the leadership of African Americans who are deaf. Local chapters have been formed in cities nationwide, and there are now 17 chapters with approximately 600 members. The Bay Area chapter was formed in 1988 and hosted the ninth annual conference for National Black Deaf Advocates in Oakland in 1990.

The youngest of seven children, Smiley became deaf at the age of 5 from medication prescribed for severe burn which destroyed the nerves in her ears. During her first four years of schooling, the public school system failed to meet her educational needs, and at age 10 she was still illiterate. She then be-

gan school at the Georgia School for the Deaf where her education prospered.

At the time desegregation was required for all public schools, Smiley faced her fears about attending a desegregated school, and became valedictorian of her class and the first African American from her school to be admitted to college. She then attended Gallaudet University and graduated with a degree in sociology.

Before founding National Black Deaf Advocates, Lois worked with Disabled Women Act in Berkeley, presented workshops to disabled women and girls in cities across the nation, and helped develop a book, *No More Stares*.

Robert M. Fisher was recognized for his leadership and vision as director of the San Francisco Foundation, the community trust for the Bay Area and one of America's largest community foundations.

Fisher has a long history of public service in the Bay Area. With a Ph.D. in sociology from the London School of Economics and political science and training from Harvard as an attorney, he came to California in 1965 as a professor of criminology at UC Berkeley. After six years on the faculty, he left to



Al and Phyllis Minor

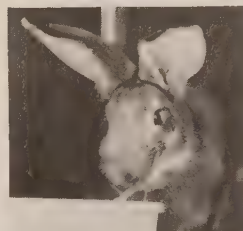
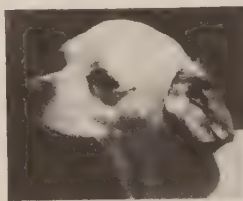
Al and Phyllis Minor addressed guests at CIL's annual dinner benefit last month.

serve as president of the new independent university in the East Bay, John F. Kennedy University.

In addition to higher education, Mr. Fisher has devoted nearly 30 years to public service, including membership on dozens of nonprofit boards, stints as a legal aid attorney and as CEO of the world's largest community/cultural center in Manhattan, and two terms in local government as mayor and councilman of the city of Lafayette.

Fisher has been a strong sup-

porter of CIL and of the Disability Rights Movement in the Bay Area. Most recently, he gave personal attention and advice to help CIL establish an endowment as a means of increasing CIL's financial stability. This endowment will be administered by The San Francisco Foundation. Now in his ninth year of service as Director of The San Francisco Foundation, CIL honors Bob Fisher for his longtime support of CIL and the Disability Rights Movement in the Bay Area.



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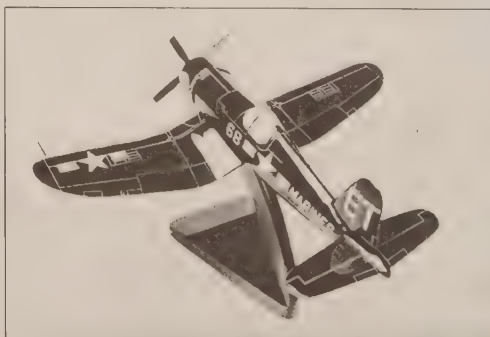


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From The Alameda in Berkeley to San Pablo Avenue in Albany pictures from *Danny & the Din-saur*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The T-o-o of Pooh*, *Tin Tin* and many other books stopped enchanted onlookers.

Produced by the Solano Avenue Association, the event was sponsored by Berkeley Civic

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Congratulations to all of the winners!

Children

1st Place: Naama Helman, "Winnie The Pooh"

2nd Place: Celia Lesh, "Stuart Little"

Special Mention: Unnamed, "Ginger Pie"

Preteens

1st Place: Graham Vittum, "Merlin"

2nd Place: Rose Clemens, "Charlotte's Web"

Teens

1st Place Tie: Patrick Vance, "Usagi Yojimbo," Ala Ebetkar, "1001 Arabian Nights"

2nd Place Tie: James Kelil, "Alice in Wonderland," Do Bim Joo, "Little Mermaid"

3rd Place: Rachael Curran, "Cat's Cradle"

Adults

1st Place: Exodus de Jean, "Through the Looking Glass"

2nd Place Tie: Angela Dotson, "Herbie's New Story," Ryan Sommer, "Jack and the Beanstalk"

Third Place: Mary Ernst, "The Chinese Dragon"

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A Colonial Revival house in Oakland gets a facelift from the budding entrepreneurs of 'Student Works.'

Young entrepreneurs learn the ropes with 'Student Works'

By Aidan Hartly

Rarely are budding entrepreneurs, while still in college, provided with the opportunity to prove themselves in the real world. Conventional wisdom has it that age and experience count for more than youth and untested potential.

Every so often a company emerges that reverses this familiar logic. Student Works Painting is such a company.

Founded in Toronto, in 1980, by Helmut Beumann, the company expanded its operations to California in 1987. "Student Works hires College students and trains them to run a branch of the company, effectively teaching them how to run their own business," said Student Works Branch Manager Sia Frederick.

Frederick is almost nineteen years old and has just finished her freshman year at UC Berkeley. Ambitious and intensely focused on starting her own business in the future, she looked on the opportunity with Student Works as a challenge and as chance for personal and professional growth.

"Everything I learn here now is going to be so important to me in the future, from dealing with workers to managerial decision-making," Frederick said.

Student Works is reaping enormous benefits from its strategy of recruiting ambitious young people. Tapping that wealth of talent and energy has fueled the company's explosive growth. In nine years it has expanded to become one of the top painting contractors in the nation.

"We offer a chance for students to set themselves apart from their peers en route to gaining managerial experience," said California Division President Roland Thoms.

Competition for the internship positions is not surprisingly, intense. There were over 3,000 applicants for only fifty positions in California this summer. Highly selective, the company weeded out unsuitable candidates early on. The remainder was whittled down through an exacting schedule of

"They want people who are serious about running their own business," said Frederick.

Once accepted the students are put through extensive training. From then on the company provides advice and assistance but essentially the students are in business for themselves. The support of the district managers, of which there are three in California, is invaluable to the newcomers.

"They answer anything and everything from paint problems to business problems," Frederick said. "They're like a business partner, mentor and friend all in one."

Having endured the same trial-by-fire, the district managers, often in their twenties, can empathize with the new managers. They have similar goals, and a strong desire to do something with our lives.

"My responsibilities include everything in terms of your own business from recruiting workers to marketing, to purchasing equipment, dealing with customers, quality control, and all the usual financial considerations," said Frederick. "It's extremely demanding and difficult but very worthwhile...I love

the people I work with."

Frederick's workers are students, mainly from local junior colleges. Providing jobs for students is central to the philosophy of Student Works.

"Our goal is to provide high-quality painting service to the local area, meanwhile giving students the opportunity to help themselves get through school." Its workers are fully covered by workman's compensation and the company has \$3 million in liability insurance.

A particular point of pride for Student Works is its 93 percent satisfaction rate, which the company is constantly trying to improve.

"We do so many things on the job-site to ensure customer satisfaction. We constantly communicate and reassure the customer, after all a house is often a persons most prized possession, it's important to know that it's in good hands," said Frederick.

So confident is Student Works in its workmanship the company only ask for 10% down the rest to be paid upon completion of the job.

"Other companies might take the money and run, maybe leave a note under the door when the job's finished, we will return as often as it takes to make sure it's right."

For more information or an estimate Call Sia Frederick at: 937 0434

Aidan Hartly is a free-lance writer who lives in Oakland.

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1063 Neilson St. - \$247,500
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TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$119,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$377,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$245,550

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$121,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$275,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$216,500

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 9
LOWEST PRICE: \$140,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$706,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$353,000

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$157,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$325,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$226,583

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$116,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$116,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$116,000

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$121,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$275,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$198,000

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 28
LOWEST PRICE: \$82,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$441,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$216,500

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$140,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$706,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$353,000

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$138,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$287,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$203,000

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$138,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$287,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$203,000

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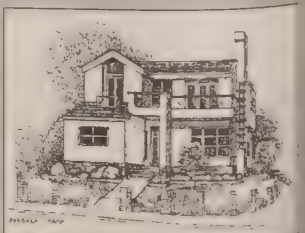
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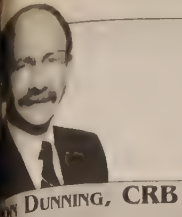
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How to interview agents

Part one of a four-part series.

is the first of four articles discussing what buyers and sellers should think about before choosing an agent. As both a salesperson and a buyer, I have seen the negative consequences of not taking the time to make the effort to choose a competent agent.

Although there are many ways to select the function of an agent, the broad categories are communication skills, technical ability and knowledge of the market where you want to buy or, in the case of sellers, where your property is located. Misjudging the critical nature of these skills could cost you money and a headache.

Parts one and two of the series focus on buyers; parts three and four will cover considerations for sellers.

Buyers interview agents

Despite what many may think, buyers do not choose their agent; they let an agent select them. Because these buyers may fully understand what real estate agents do and the importance of working with an experienced professional.

As a buyer, you could end up choosing a particular agent for reasons obvious and unconscious. The agent may have the qualities of a friend. A male Realtor may be deep, powerful voice that impresses you. Perhaps you respond to an agent's looks or dresses. You may be drawn to someone who is intuitive. Conversely, a meddling manner may attract you. They are all valid, but your choice should not be based on these alone.

Many buyers without agents make the mistake of going to open houses just for homes; they should also be looking for an agent.

These are people who decide not to worry about choosing an agent until they find a home they

like. Meanwhile, they may feel overwhelmed and resentful about being approached by agents at every open house they visit.

If you feel that way, or have in the past, consider this: agents are at open houses to sell the home and meet new buyers—mainly the latter. Take this as your opportunity to learn about a lot of agents in a relatively short time. Think of it as a smorgasbord of agents from which you can pick.

Open house questions to ask agents

Your job is to observe the agent. Be conscious of what attracts and repels you and why. I suggest being prepared with some questions to ask the agent if he or she does not volunteer information. These questions can also be used once you have narrowed the field and are ready to make a final choice.

- Are you a full-time agent? If the answer is no, eliminate from consideration.

- How long have you been in the business? Go for experience, unless you want to be the guinea pig for a newer agent. The size of the company and its excellent training program do not change my recommendation. Answers like, "Longer than I want to remember," are usually meant to be evasive.

- As a buyer, why do I need an agent? You will get some interesting replies. You should be able to begin to differentiate agents by the quality of their responses.

- How's the market? Top agents know the market is always changing and adapt accordingly. If the agent doesn't volunteer, ask the direction of prices and the amount of activity in the areas of your interest. You can also ask how business is for that agent, but most agents will say they are doing great, even if they just borrowed money for their mortgage payment.

- How familiar are you with...? Insert here the areas of your choice. Use someone local, he or she knows

the territory.

- Do you prefer to work with buyers or sellers? Most top producers work with both. Some agents who say they prefer buyers may be weak at getting listings.

- How are you different from other agents? Many agents will emphasize their "service." Look for other aspects, e.g., specialized knowledge and experience, advanced professional designations and participation in Realtor organizations.

Long before you get to the end of your questions, most successful agents will have asked for your phone numbers and an appointment. If the agent does not, he or she may not be assertive enough.

Communication skills

How the agent communicates with you is a reflection of how good a job he or she will do in communicating for you, e.g., when presenting a purchase contract to the seller on your behalf. The key attribute in effective communication is the ability to listen.

Top professionals do this very well. They want to understand your needs from the start in order to best help you.

Your first contact with the agent may be at an open house, calling on a newspaper ad or sign, or a referral from someone you know. Regardless, the best agents usually request a face-to-face meeting during this first conversation. This is known as a buyer interview or "probe." The purpose is for you to interview each other.

Be wary of agents who want to immediately get you into their car and show you property without first taking the time to find out what you want and why. This cannot be done effectively in a short chat at an open house, on the phone or in the car.

If you are serious about buying, you should be delighted to take the opportunity to meet with a good agent. To reassure buyers, I always stress there will be no obligation, on their part or mine, unless we mutually decide to work together.

The first interview

Now you are in the agent's office. Keep in mind that 55 percent of all communication is nonverbal; 38 percent is related to tone of voice; and only 7 percent is words. Use this knowledge when observing the agent and notice how he or she is attentive to you.

You will be able to tell relatively quickly how good a listener the agent is and whether he or she is

listening to understand or listening to reply.

It will not be difficult to discern who is doing most of the talking. Let the agent take the lead; you will learn more about him or her that way.

Excellent communicators spend up to 80 percent of the time listening, not talking. After all, how much can I learn about you and your situation from talking?

This is why effective listeners ask numerous, open-ended questions, ones that cannot be answered simply "yes" or "no." Agents who talk at you do the same with everybody. This will work against you, especially in negotiating.

One technique to assist in communicating is called "reflective listening," where the listener repeats or paraphrases what you have just said. What better way to know that someone has really heard and understood you?

For example, you might say, "It is important for us to be in our new home by mid-August so we can get the kids situated in their new schools." If the agent then addresses the factors involved in closing escrow by mid-August, you know he or she was listening.

If he babbles, "Let me explain why my company is the biggest and best in the area," this would be a clue to keep looking. You don't need to be convinced. You need to be understood.

Discovering your motivation

The most significant thing for you to communicate, and for the agent to know, is your motivation. Why are you in the market to buy at this time? Are you downsizing because the kids have moved out?

Do you or does someone in your family have a health problem? Did you just get transferred from out-of-town with a big promotion? Or were you transferred with a salary cut in order to avoid losing your job?

Understanding your "why" is everything. Rarely, however, do buyers quickly and easily disclose this vital information. The most capable professionals gear all their questions to uncover your motivation.

The right series of questions, when answered by you openly, will always reveal your reasons for buying. An agent must be clear on this in order to do a truly effective job for you.

Obviously, you will divulge personal details only if you feel com-

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Fixed rates at 14-month high as June COFI falls

On June 6 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) announced that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgage jumped twenty seven basis points to 8.30 percent from last week's average of 8.03 percent. A year ago the 30-year fixed rate was 7.51 percent.

The starting rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) also rose to 5.86 percent from last week's average of 5.76 percent. A year ago, the starting rate for the one-year ARM was also 5.86 percent.

The average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing arena, was up twenty-six basis points from last week's figure of 7.54 percent to 7.80 percent. A year ago, the 15-year inter-

est rate was 7 percent.

"The housing market seems to be doing quite well," said Freddie Mac Deputy Chief Economist Frank Nothaft. "Housing sales in April were the highest since December 1993 and families have a more positive outlook on the economy. Even with this increase, interest rates are still very affordable."

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970.

On May 31, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for June payments at 4.841 percent, down from the 4.874 percent that was in effect for May payments.

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heirlooms, flea market finds, one-of-a-kind artwork? Do you like large rooms with sleek, clean wallspaces, or smaller, more heavily ornamented rooms?

How many hours do you work each week? Are you interested in putting your own stamp on a house?

I don't know where to stop. It just goes on and on. How about this one: "Are you a person who seeks status symbols?"

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The East Bay's architectural heritage

By Rosamond Palmer

The East Bay is endowed with one of the richest architectural legacies found anywhere. Spanning two centuries and containing a myriad of styles. The building boom beginning in the mid-nineteenth century that saw the settlement of nearly all the cities of the East Bay also brought the most dazzling succession of residential architecture styles that the world has ever seen. This series of articles explores the breadth of architectural styles, beginning with the Spanish Colonial period.

Spanish Colonial ca. 1790s—1850s

Early East Bay dwellings, before the arrival of the first Spanish

missionaries in the late eighteenth century, were the cone-shaped huts of the Costanoan Indians. Made of poles tied together at the top and supported at the base with earth and covered with brush; none of these huts survived for long after the Europeans arrived.

Spanish missionaries introduced the first "design-oriented" structures to California in the late 1700s with a chain of 21 missions that extended from San Diego to Sonoma. While the function of the missions was to convert and "civilize" the Native Americans, each mission incorporated its own unique design elements.

Built of adobe-brick (or mud-brick walls), wood-beamed ceilings and clay-tile roofs, the California missions were simple craftsman's

architecture combining the primitive charm borrowed from the pueblo missions of the Southwest and a crude form of the Spanish Baroque style imported from the mother country.

The layout of each mission was a traditional quadrangle or cloister pattern reminiscent of monasteries, with a church and several outbuildings surrounding an open patio. This central courtyard was an important feature for safety privacy and a sense of the outdoors. Arcades or portales created sheltered walking and sitting areas outside.

To prevent erosion by the winter rains, the adobe walls were invariably covered by a coat of lime-and-sand stucco, which was then white-washed with limestone inside and out. Few windows and doors punc-

tured the thick solid walls: bell towers located in arches or domed towers offered the chief architectural accents.

Mission San Jose in Fremont was the first Spanish settlement in the East Bay. Founded in 1797 by Father Fermín de Lasuen, the mission grew over the next 30 years to become one of the most prosperous and productive of all California missions.

The compound of buildings included a church, soldiers' barracks, school rooms, workshops, several dormitories that housed 1,500 neophytes (Christianized natives or neophytes), granary and storehouses to make use of the mission's vast wheat fields, orchards, vineyards,

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Whenever remodel start at the beginning

All of us deal with problems. Much of life goes well, but there are those situations that we really would prefer not to have to deal with. These problems vary from person to person, with many of us experiencing, at one time or another, very similar circumstances.

In a remodeling project there are usually, if not always, some problems. Despite the best efforts of all the participants there will probably be at least one time when something unexpected occurs that no one wants to have to address.

What can you do to make sure that the problem is handled satisfactorily?

Start at the beginning. When you are making the decision about which remodeler to work with, one of the things to consider is, "What will it be like to talk to this person about something that neither of us wants to talk about?"

What does this mean? You are, in part, choosing the remodeler because of his or her ability to hear what you have to say, and deal with resolving this matter in a mutually satisfactory way. These are real skills and many people you might encounter in the remodeling business have not fully developed them yet.

In fact, the stereotype of a general contractor includes poor listening skills and a healthy dose of something like this: "I don't care what you think! I'm the remodeler and I know more than you anyway!" The stereotype, like most stereotypes, is generally inaccurate. But you are trying to avoid just such a situation. The last thing you want when you have a problem is having to resolve it with someone who does not want to hear what you have to say.

As I have mentioned in the past, the best way to find out if the remodeler you are talking to has such skills is to talk to people he has worked with. Ask them how the remodeler handled a problem. How good a listener was he? Did he focus on the problem or on why he was right and you were wrong? Would they hire him again?

OK, you have done all your homework and now have a remodeler with not just good general contracting and building skills but good people skills working for you. All involved in the project are optimistic and positive. And then something goes wrong or unexpected.

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That's something exactly what is going on. They come in all sizes. One person "no problem" for another. What can be done in a situation?

Try to be as much the situation as possible. Try to be as much the situation as possible. Try to be as much the situation as possible. Try to be as much the situation as possible.

Take a moment to think about the problem. Be objective. Look down what you are doing. If you said this to me, it makes sense to me.

In this process of taking a look at the situation, the foundation relationship. Both signed and can sometimes offer no one realized alone.

Now bring the remodeler's attention to do so be prepared to have to say. It is expected that you have no interest in what I say.

Try reflecting back what I hear. This is a very good way to uncover the real situation. Sometimes we tend to tense situations. The way of really hearing person has to say.

Try reflecting back what I hear. This is a very good way to uncover the real situation. Sometimes we tend to tense situations. The way of really hearing person has to say. "Here is what I think helps let the other person are listening and saying."

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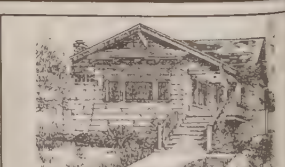
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All 2 bedroom units, well maintained, low down, assume existing loan. Walk to Lake Merritt, low property maintenance, good cash flow.

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Dunning...

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and trust the agent. You know in an hour or so if you are in trust, the agent should be able to summarize your situation. If this is the Realtor meets other agents, you will cover later, you have yourself an agent. You will be the beginnings of a positive

relationship that can endure for years.

My wife and I are fortunate to have made a number of lasting friendships with people who started out as clients. This continues to be one of my greatest joys about being in the business.

In part two, I will elaborate on the other key skills to look for in a buyer's agent: technical competence and knowledge of the market where you want to buy. Parts three and four will approach the

interview from a seller's viewpoint.

Call me if you would like a copy of my previous, related articles, *Open Houses and Use Local Agent*.

Don Dunning is a 16-year real estate veteran. He is a full-time Realtor and a Broker Associate with Wells & Bennett Realtors in Oakland. If you need his assistance in selling, buying or hourly consulting, he can be reached at 531-7000, ext. 239.

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- AND & GORGEOUS** \$2,350,000
Impeccable condition. Family room with fireplace, fabulous kitchen, library and gorgeous gardens. JEANETTE ROACH
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Spacious living & formal dining creates a warm & intimate atmosphere. Distinguished detailing. MARION SCHWARTZ
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- EDMONT ENGLISH** \$1,135,000
Spacious contemporary. Exquisite level landscaped grounds. 5 bedrooms/5.5 baths. ANGELA WEI GRUBB
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Charming Contemporary with high ceilings and lots of light. 3+ bedrooms, 2+ baths and family room. ELIZABETH DICKSON
- TRESTLE GLEN** \$375,000
Charming Tudor in move-in condition. Redone kitchen. 2 bdrms/2 baths. Fabulous rec room. MARION SCHWARTZ
- HILLER HIGHLANDS** \$357,500
New townhouse with Bay & bridge views! 3/3 including 2 suites. Tastefully designed. ANGELA WEI GRUBB
- TOP FLOOR** \$334,500
Old World charm. Top floor with San Francisco view. Fabulous building. Make an offer. 2 bdrms/2 baths. ANIAN TUNNEY
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- CHARMING** \$289,000
Upper Rockridge traditional at a great price! 3 bdrms/2 baths. Lovely brick patio. Convenient location. ELIZABETH DICKSON
- VERY COMFORTABLE** \$284,500
Charming Montclair Traditional w/level garden entry & expansive decking w/sunny vistas. 3/2. DONALD GRUBB JR.
- WALK TO PIEDMONT AVE.** REDUCED \$218,500
Two bedrooms, remodeled kitchen and bath, garage with skylight (antique?) & level garden. privacy. KATHERINE COOPER

BERKELEY

By Appointment

- CLAREMONT** NEW PRICE! \$429,000
Charming Mediterranean w/view. Move-in condition 3/2.5 & family room. Nice grounds. SUSANNE PAUL
- PRAIRIE STYLE** \$429,000
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Events

The Events Calendar does not accept-for-profit listings. Announcements for these events can be made in our classified section by calling 339-8777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

The Bay Area Artists Group announces its 3rd Annual Show and Sale, through June 30 at the Upstairs Exhibit Hall at Jack London Village, Embarcadero and Alice Streets, Oakland.

The Golden Gate Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors, Inc. (ASHI) holds its monthly meeting 7 p.m., Thurs., June 13 at Hs Lordship's Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina. Gary Ball from Rhino Rooter will present *Inspecting for Sewer Problems*. The \$35 cost includes dinner. For information or to make reservations call Dermot O'Kelly 549-9335

The Thorsen/Sigma Phi House, 2307 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley presents *The Last of the Ultimate Bungalows: the William R. Thorsen House of Greene and Greene*, a nine-week exhibition of architecture and furnishings designed by the renowned turn-of-the-century California architects Charles Summer Greene and Henry Mather Greene, the exhibition will run from Fri. June 14 to Sun. Aug. 18. Call (800) 342-5552 to order tickets or a brochure.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley presents the first of two free lectures: *The Pros and Cons of Building An Addition*, by author Skip Wenz, Sat. June 15, 10 a.m. to noon. The second free lecture, *What You Need to Know Before You Rebuild or Remodel*

is scheduled is scheduled for Sat. June 22. Come and get acquainted with the BEC and see if its classes can help you with your dream home. Call 525-7610 for more information.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley presents *Photovoltaics: Remote Solar Power Systems, Plumbing: Hands-On and Waterproofing Walls and Decks* on Sat. June 15. On Sun., June 16 BEC presents *Architectural Sketching: Hands-On* on Monday, June 17 BEC presents *Timber Framing: Ancient and Modern* Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

Join old rose expert Alice Flores, Father's Day, June 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a *Celebration of Old Roses*, at the rose garden shared by See EVENTS on page 31

MASON McDUFFIE...Welcome Home

OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

- UNIQUE LIGHT-FILLED 3BR** \$669,000
3BR, 3BA in Piedmont with 3-bridge view. Sunny, serene, secure. Expansion possible. Easy tram access. G. MILLIRONS 339-9290, 254-6412
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Spacious 4+BR, 3.5BA, 3 fireplaces & great design! Call for details. V. LANDES 339-9290, 869-4225
- GRACIOUS CROCKER COLONIAL** \$409,500
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- CROCKER HIGHLANDS DELIGHT** \$349,000
Beautifully maintained English on a wonderful Crocker street! 4BR, 2.5BA, remodeled eat-in kitchen, large rumpus room leads out to level yard, 2 decks, 2-car garage! NANCY LEHRKIND 428-0900
- PIEDMONT - AFFORDABLE & CHARM** \$307,000
2BR plus rumpus, 2 baths, lovely yard. A jewel with rough edges but "good bones". Perfect for small family who values quality & charm. LOIS HEYDEN 428-0900
- GREAT LOCATION - GREAT PRICE!** \$249,000
Beautiful park-like yard is an exceptional feature of this lovely 2BR, 2BA upper Oakmore home. Lovingly cared for. Montclair schools. Just reduced! Won't last. CAROLE BERGER 428-0900
- UPPER ROCKRIDGE TOWNHOME** \$229,000
Luxury living under the trees. 2BR, 2.5BA, huge living room, formal dining and eat-in kitchen, close to shopping and transportation. Walk to golf at Claremont CC. CAROLYN JONES 428-0900

BERKELEY / ALBANY

- MEDITERRANEAN GEM!** \$210,000
Great value, completely redone! No costly home repairs for years! Sunny 2BR with new kitchen & bath lovely yard, walk to BART. ERIKA CELESTRE 845-0211
- MOVE RIGHT IN...** \$189,700
To this large 2BR home. Lots of light, hardwood floors, fruit trees in rear yard. Spacious eat-in kitchen. PATRICIA SANDERS 849-3711, 649-7856
- ALBANY STARTER** \$159,000
2BR, 1BA home close to middle school and commute access. Newer roof, exterior paint and low pest! Want the small town without a big price tag? Call now! KEVIN TANNARILL 526-5143
- CHARMING INVESTMENT** \$150,000
Two craftsman type homes on one lot, 3BR, 1BA and 2BR, 1BA plus storage/studio. Wood security fence adds to privacy. Perfect for owner investor. Convenient south Berkeley location. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143
- QUIET ALBANY CONDO** \$144,000
Lovely 2BR, 2BA condo with hill view. Newer appliances, security parking on nice residential street. Walk to BART, seller will pay 2 years association fees. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143
- GREAT STARTER HOME!** \$140,000
2BR with hardwood floors, fireplace in living room. Built-ins in dining room. Also has commercial potential. Call for more information or an appointment. PATRICIA SANDERS 849-3711, 649-7856
- CO-OP UNITS FOR SENIORS** \$64,000-\$135,000
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WEST COUNTY

- OVER 1/2 SECLUDED ACRE...** \$305,000
In Kensington! Walk to shops from this private retreat. Large kitchen with Sub-Zero frig, expansion potential, skylights, hardwood, creek, garage/workshop. New listing! HOLLY ROSE 849-3711, 273-9329
- IMMACULATE HOME IN MARINA** \$249,000
Bay/Breakers. This home is 4+ years young, has 3BR, 2.5BA, with cozy fireplace in large living room. Landscaped, community pool/spa, sec gated, park & bay front hiking & biking. MIKE GOODMAN 526-5143
- MIRA VISTA MAGIC** \$249,000
In this El Cerrito Hills. This simply beautiful English Tudor with its new kitchen, with doors to patio invites you to the lush large yard! 4BR, 2BA and cottage with potential! RAYNE PALMER 526-5143
- PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP** \$239,000
Immaculate home on the hill. 3BR, 1.5BA, SF bay view from most rooms. Remodeled bath, hardwood floors throughout. Basement/workshop, 1-car garage. Must see call! LUISA CASTILLO 526-5143

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- A PERFECT 10!** \$799,000
Renovated & stunning 4BR, 4BA home on a double lot with formal Thos. Church gardens. Member - San Luis Ct. Homes Assoc. - swim, tennis club. On the internet! <http://www.m-mcd.com/gst> JUDITH GLASS 428-0900
- INVESTMENT SPECIALTY** \$379,000
Large lot with 7 units: 3BR house, four 2BR, two 1BR apt. Laundry on premises, hobby room, off-street parking, gated. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143
- GREAT FIRST HOME** \$335,000
Has a country setting and a flexible floorplan. 2BR up and 2BR down with large rumpus and a large kitchen for gourmet cooks. Call for appt. WAGNER 524-2526
- TEARFUL OWNERS** \$299,500
After many happy years in this perfect Albany 3+BR MacGregor, owners are waving. They have done all the right things. Call to see why they're crying! WENDY BARKENTA 526-5143, 644-5217
- OPEN SATURDAY 10-4PM** \$265,000
Charming 2BR home located on quiet cul-de-sac. Sunny and bright. Hardwood floors, extra large yard. Ready to move in. Also having a moving/estate sale. PATRICIA SANDERS 849-3711, 649-7856
- OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!** \$219,000
Spacious luxurious 2BR, 2BA Northside condo with pool in super walking, shopping, transportation area! Best price. FRAN/JEAN 849-3711, 273-9319
- TERRIFIC STARTER HOME** \$149,000
In Greenacres. 3BR, 1.5BA, family room with cathedral ceiling. Move-in condition. MONICA ROHRER 849-3711, 525-7805
- GARDENER'S DELIGHT** \$149,000
Southern exposure makes this private backyard lushly green. The spacious 2+BR home is light-filled and in excellent condition great area & greater price. JULIANA 526-5143, 644-5221
- GREAT CHARACTER & VALUE!** \$119,000
This sweet 2BR home is conveniently located & full of potential. Lower level with workspace plus lovely garden, full of light! New carpet and paint. LYNNE HAGEMAN 527-9800

LOTS

CALLING BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS... \$210,000
and dreamers! Cottage on 2 tandem lots has design approval! And gorgeous Wildcat Canyon views! In Berkeley's best park-like setting - new price, won't last! RAYNE PALMER 526-5143

OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD DREAM HOME! \$97,000
Desirable Rockridge location. Views of Mt. Tam from large lot with level building area. Survey & soils report available. LOIS KADOSH 849-37121, 287-9186

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Oakland History Room

The Spanish Colonial 'royal chapel' at Monterey staidly presides over the architectural change evident in the gingerbread of the Gothic Revival barge board on the house next door.

History...

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and huge herds of livestock.

Although most of the mission was destroyed by an earthquake in 1868 one building survived the friars' residence along Mission Boulevard — which is the oldest standing structure in the entire East Bay. Built in roughly 1810, this adobe-walled building displays in its covered walkway the traditional Spanish Colonial method of protruding roof beams or vigas, supported by heavy wooden posts.

The next significant Spanish

settlement in the East Bay occurred twenty years later when Don Luis Maria Peralta was granted a huge tract of land for his military service. After 1821, when political upheavals in Spain and Mexico caused California to fall under Mexican domination, the Mexican government frowned on the great holdings of the missions and encouraged instead the development of private farming and stock raising by making huge land grants.

Peralta divided his land — including what is now Albany, Berkeley, Oakland, Emeryville, Alameda and parts of San Leandro — among his sons. Each set

up his own rancho with adobe house and tanning shed, but none of these structures exist today

Fortunately, two other adobe buildings from this period still survive. One is the oldest private dwelling in the East Bay — the single story Vallejo Adobe in Niles on the grounds of the Mission Adobe Nursery at Niles Blvd. and Nursery Ave. This adobe was built in 1843 by Jose de Jesus Vallejo, the brother of General Vallejo, to secure his land grant

The thick buttressed walls have survived several earthquakes. The second adobe is the two-story, verandaed Martinez Adobe, constructed in 1848 as the main build-

ing on the land granted to Ignacio Martinez. It lies on the grounds of what is now the John Muir Estate in Martinez

Spanish and Mexican rule in California ended in 1848 when Mexico ceded California to the United States. Soon the era of Spanish Colonial architecture that had begun 300 years earlier in St. Augustine, Florida also came to an end. With the discovery of gold at Sutter's Creek in 1849, flocks of settlers from the East brought with them a taste for Greek Revival forms

Rosamond Palmer is a freelance writer and editor.

Lending a hand to Habitat

East Bay Habitat for Humanity hopes to have 1,000 volunteers frame five houses over the five days of July 5 to July 9.

To help this go smoothly, 100 of these volunteers must be skilled carpenters.

In order to finance this effort at its 105th Avenue site in Oakland, Habitat expects to raise \$100,000 in donations from Bay Area corporations, schools and churches.

Registration is \$25, which will cover the cost of breakfast and lunch for each of the five days of the Build-A-Thon and a Build-A-Thon T-shirt.

Habitat hopes to find volunteers to donate the items necessary to make the day a success: food, merchandise and promotional services.

To find out how you can get involved, call East Bay Habitat for Humanity at 251-6304.

Check out garden tomes

The Oakland East Bay Garden Center Inc. has a library with emphasis on books on plants, gardening and horticulture.

The books are available to Bay Area residents for an annual fee of \$2.

The library, open Thursdays 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (except holidays), is in the Garden center Building in Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Ave. Oakland. Call 482-5252.



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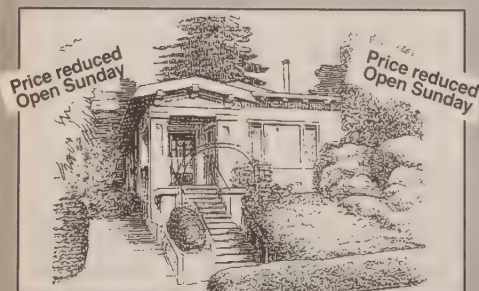
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money management habits," says Lydia M. Marshall, executive vice-president, Sallie Mae. "Because the loans of borrowers who qualify for Great Rewards are less expensive to service, we can reward them by lowering their financing costs, which ultimately lowers the cost of their education."

Marshall notes that Sallie Mae lenders also offer other programs that reduce the cost of borrowing. After the first 24 on-time payments, for example, the Great Rewards Program credits Stafford borrowers with an amount equal to the loan origination fees (three percent of the loan) paid to the federal government in excess of \$250. That would mean a savings of \$671 to a student who borrows \$20,000 and qualifies for the benefit.

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What do actress Whoopi Goldberg and architect Bernard Maybeck have in common? Learn this and a plethora of other fascinating architectural facts at Mark Wilson's class.

'Architecture of the East Bay' adds to enjoyment living here

By Dennis Evanovsky

Two years ago, my editor sent me to attend Mark Wilson's seminar, "Selling a Piece of History" at the Oakland Association of Realtors. Although the topic sounded interesting, I thought it would be just another writing assignment.

"Oh, well!" I said. "I'm not selling anything and I already had a lock on history." You see, I lived in Europe for eight years. I've spent the night in a cave that was once inhabited by stone-age man. I've stood on mounds of earth containing burials 10,000 years old, and I've been in churches built so long ago that even the oldest building on the East Coast would seem like new construction in comparison.

I was sure we'd be talking a lot about the Victorian style. You should know that I'm a docent at the Pardee Home Museum and know all about the Victorian style. So, the first thing Wilson said gave me a start. "Victorian is not a style," he announced. "It's an historic era that marked the reign of Queen Victoria. Anything built in that era—from 1837 to 1901—can be called Victorian."

"Well, genius," I said to my-

self, "I certainly didn't know that." I'm not really good at keeping secrets, so I'm very sure that Wilson noticed me blush and squirm. I started taking notes. I took 11 pages of notes. My mind that had been closed to all the history around me began to open.

For the next six hours, Wilson lectured on every style of architecture from the Greek Revival to the Art Deco. (See what I mean! Art Deco isn't a style, it's a movement—a group of architects using common motifs.)

I learned the difference between a villa, a house, and a cottage. I now know where to look for barge boards and cornices—and where the street furniture is.

I learned how to tell a turret from a tower, and a cantilevered roof from a hipped one. And I know about Period Revival homes.

I bought Wilson's book, *A Living Legacy: Historic Architecture of the East Bay*. It's full of architectural tours of East Bay cities from Alameda to Vallejo.

The weekend right after the class, I went on a walking tour of downtown Oakland. Did you know that's the emperor Justinian and his wife Theodora on the Paramount Theater? Isadora Duncan

is depicted with them, holding the scarf that caused her demise. What about the Fox Theater? It's closed now, but it was the first sound movie theater west of Chicago.

The second weekend I had the book I walked all over Piedmont. The book has eight tours of Oakland, in three of Piedmont, and 11 of Berkeley, not to mention tours of Alameda, Albany, Benicia, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Kensington, Richmond, and Vallejo.

I then attended Wilson's six-week class at the Piedmont Adult School. The experience of six weeks covering what I had learned in that one-day seminar was both exciting and exhilarating.

My life has been greatly enriched, my appreciation of the architectural world around me has led to an understanding of the cultural potpourri that is the East Bay. Wilson's class was a grand experience—well worth the time.

His next class starts Wednesday, June 19 at the Piedmont Adult School. Call 420-3655 to sign up for an unforgettable experience.

Dennis Evanovsky is the real estate editor for Hills Newspapers.

Celebrate Father's Day with old roses

Lovers of rare and heirloom roses, take note: Alice Flores, rosarian and old rose expert, will be on hand Father's Day, June 16, for questions and free consultation at Mendocino Heirloom Rose Nursery's first "Bay Area Peak of the Season Celebration of Old Roses," Sunday, June 16, from 11

a.m. to 5 p.m. at 3221 Robinson Drive one mile above Highway 13 and the Mormon Temple.

As many as 100 varieties of old roses will be available for viewing and sale at special prices.

Visitors are encouraged to bring questions about their old roses, samples of unknown old roses to identify, or simply to ask questions about these fragrant, hardy,

and beautiful plants.

Alice Flores received her degree in horticulture in 1968 and has focused on old roses for the last 10 years.

She and San Francisco fashion designer Daly own Mendocino Heirloom Roses and Nursery in Redwood Valley, an organic nursery with roses are all on their own roots.

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Apprize 'The Last of the Ultimate Bungalows' at the Thorsen House

The Thorsen/Sigma Phi House, 2307 Piedmont Avenue, Berkeley presents *The Last of the Ultimate Bungalows: the William R. Thorsen House of Greene and Greene*, a nine-week exhibition of architecture and furnishings designed by the renowned turn-of-the-century California architects Charles Sumner Greene and Henry Mather Greene. The exhibition will run from Friday June 14 to Sunday Aug. 18. Call (800) 342-5552 to order tickets or a brochure.

"Last of the Ultimate Bungalows: the William R. Thorsen House of Greene and Greene" is a nine-week exhibition of architecture and furnishings designed by renowned turn-of-the-century California architects Charles Sumner Greene and Henry Mather Greene.

The exhibition features the reinstallation, for the first time in over 50 years, of the complete, original furniture and related decorative arts designed by the celebrated Greene brothers for the William R. Thorsen House at 2307 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley.

The Thorsen commission was the last of the Greene's "ultimate

bungalows," a rarefied handful of elaborate wooden residences with furnishings designed and crafted during the Greene's brief, but classic, period of design from 1907-1909.

In the words of Greene and Greene scholar Randall Makinson: "the Thorsen House remains the most significant example of the Greene's' bungalow architecture in the northern part of California and is one of the finest examples of the Arts and Crafts Movement in the Bay Area."

Like Pasadena's Gamble House, the Greene's' commission for William R. Thorsen was carried out using the finest domestic and exotic woods, art glass, custom metalwork, and ceramic art tiles of the period.

Superior craftsmanship and the Greene's' particular esthetic sense were united to produce a uniquely Northern California house, simultaneously influenced by Japanese design and the robust and rustic Arts and Crafts architectural tradition of the region.

In addition to original Greene-and-Greene-designed furniture, the exhibition will feature important antique Oriental rugs which

were originally used in the house, as well as outstanding examples of decorative arts of the Arts and Crafts movement, including metalwork, textiles, and art pottery.

A symposium of lectures by noted scholars in the field will accompany the opening of the exhibition, and original Greene and Greene drawings for the Thorsen House and other commissions will be mounted in a related exhibit at the University Art Museum in cooperation with the College of Environmental Design Documents Collection, University of California, Berkeley. Early photographs of the Thorsen House, never before exhibited, will comprise a special component of the exhibit.

An important and long-awaited historical monograph on the Thorsen House, written by noted Arts and Crafts Movement scholar Professor Robert Judson Clark of Princeton University, is also scheduled to be published by Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association in conjunction with the exhibition.

Situated in Berkeley, on the southeast corner of Piedmont Avenue at Bancroft Way near the University of California campus, the Thorsen House has, for 53 years, housed the Berkeley chapter of the Sigma Phi Society, the country's oldest, continuously-operating national fraternity, founded at Union College in 1827.

The Thorsen House is owned and maintained by the California Sigma Phi Alumni Association. Proceeds from the exhibition's ticket sales benefit The Gamble House and the Thorsen House.

Greene and Greene's craftsmanship and their sense for taste and harmony are evident in the elevation of the Thorsen House.

R.E. editor: 339-8777

Winans...

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their perspective.

Once everybody is up to speed about what the problem is, then address how to resolve it in a mutually satisfactory way. Remember, all involved need to feel that they are not being taken advantage of. A resolution that leaves one participant feeling unfairly dealt with can come back to haunt the relationship. Why? Because you can count on the fact that there will be more problems!

Write down what is decided with a time by which the solution is to be implemented. Note, also, any costs involved and what portion is to be handled by whom. Everybody should have a copy of this information.

The presumption in all the above is that you and your remodeler can resolve the dispute on your own. If you can not then you need outside help.

If the contract you and your remodeler signed is a good one, it

will include a dispute resolution clause. This clause might provide for mediation first. You might mutually engage a mediator from a local dispute resolution service to work with you.

If that is not successful then arbitration, using an orderly process that is designed to provide a binding decision in a short amount of time, might be the final step. Most people prefer this to litigation, because of the uncertainty about time and costs that seems to be an inherent part of going to court.

Boy, what a drag! I know. But the only real way to avoid a problem working with a remodeler is to not do anything to resolve the problems you have with your house! Now, is that a solution?

Be clear, complete and calm. And, by the way: good luck!

Paul Winans, CR, is co-owner of Winans Construction, Inc., an Oakland-based general contracting firm founded in 1978. He can be reached at 653-7288.

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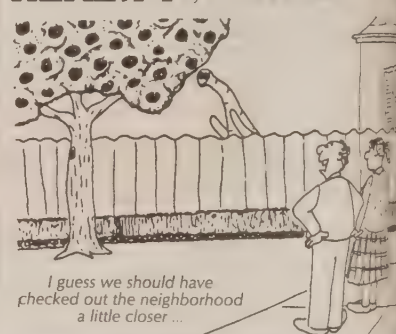
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PROFESSIONALISM AND PROGRESS SINCE 1924 - A FAMILY TRADITION.

Architects express ultimate at Thorsen House

By David Heller

One hundred years ago Charles and Henry Greene began the architectural practice that would bring them an international reputation. But the kind of acclaim now accorded them would come only after their deaths in the 1950s. Within the arc of their own professional careers, their influence—though ultimately deep and long-lived—was fleetingly brief. The house designed and built for William R. Thorsen in Berkeley in 1909 was the Greenes' only characteristic high-period project in the Bay Area. Virtually all of their other houses are in Southern California, and most of those in a single city — Pasadena.

While the Greenes are thought of today as quintessentially Californian, they were in fact emigres from the Midwest. Born 15 months apart near Cincinnati, the brothers spent much of their youth in St. Louis, later moving to Boston to study architecture at MIT. Charles, the older of the two, initially balked at an architecture career.

He preferred art, music and poetry—aesthetic qualities he would bring to his later work. Henry's penchant for mathematics and engineering would make its own contribution in the straight-line forms and pleasing proportions he created.

Were it not for the closeness of the Greene family and their father's frail health, Charles and Henry might have stayed in Boston, or perhaps joined an architectural firm in Chicago, and the California landscape might never have known their unique touch.

But in 1893, the brothers reluctantly decided to heed their father's call to join the parents in the small resort town of Pasadena, about 10 miles from Los Angeles.

As their train stopped in Chicago, so did they, taking in the "World's Columbian Exposition" and seeing for the first time direct examples of Japanese architecture.

The Oriental way of building, of joinery, of lighting and landscape was to become a recurring theme in their mature work.

Once in California, Charles and Henry were exposed to the old Spanish missions, and though most were in ruins at that time, their earthy solidity remained and became yet another influence on the young architects searching for a style that would express a background of art and hand craftsmanship.

Through family connections and good luck, the Greenes began their architectural work in Pasadena almost immediately, and they settled in for a long stay. Client after client, house after house, they developed their own distinctive treatments of timber, stone,

shingle and brick — Charles experimenting with the materials on his own home above Pasadena's Arroyo Seco from 1901. By 1904 Henry Greene had built a house for himself and his family just to the south. The brothers were sought after and admired, and had increasingly wealthy patrons to support their art.

The Greenes' art found its ultimate expression in several large houses: for Theodore Irwin in 1906, for lumber man Robert Blacker in 1907, and for David and Mary Gamble, of the Procter & Gamble Company, in 1908.

The last of these elaborate wooden residences, called the "Ultimate Bungalows" by Greene & Greene scholar Randall Makinson,

is the William R. Thorsen house of 1909.

In 1916, Charles left Pasadena and moved with his family to the bohemian art colony of Carmel, near Monterey.

Henry was left to run the firm in Southern California, and though the brothers worked together from time to time, their most productive years were behind them.

In 1952, the Greenes were honored by the American Institute of Architects as "formulators of a new and native architecture." But the recognition came after decades of virtual neglect. Two years later, Henry Greene was dead at 84. His brother, Charles, died at his Carmel studio in 1957 at the age of 88.

Arts & Crafts: a primer

By David Heller

United States.

• The term "Arts and Crafts" refers to the art of everyday things. From whole houses to the furniture and objects that fill them, "Arts and Crafts" design is simple and direct, honest and straightforward, with a minimum of applied decoration.

• The "Arts and Crafts Movement" that arose in America in the last part of the 19th century and flourished in the first decades of the 20th century was a reaction to the excesses of the Victorian period both in England and in the

• Gustav Stickley's *Craftsman* magazine, published between 1901 and 1916, was a monthly journal dedicated to the ideals of John Ruskin and William Morris, early promoters of the union of art and craft in England.

Its articles also promoted Stickley's own ideas about the simple values of home and hearth. The *Craftsman* magazine came to define the "Arts and Crafts Movement" in America, and Stickley's "Craftsman" line of furniture, made of oak and leather, became

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'Damped sway' alleviates damage

By Aidan Hartly

Architect David Fowler and engineer Gene St. Onge recently revealed a low-cost foundation system that they say will greatly limit damage caused in a serious earthquake.

The "Damped Sway Foundation System" uses steel screw piles and viscous fluid dampers to mitigate and absorb most of the destructive energy of an earthquake. This system is similar in many respects to the kind used in retrofitting large buildings but this is the first time it has been given a residential application. As such it should add about \$15,000 to the cost of a foundation and help a new home resist a 7.5 quake with minimal damage.

The site for the experimental project on the property of preservationist Randolph Langenbach, on Chabot Road in the Oakland Hills. Langenbach's house was destroyed in the fire of 1991.

"This kind of damper system allows the whole building to move four inches in any direction. At that point the dampers are engaged," said St. Onge. "The dampers work much like shock absorbers in a car, dissipating between 50 and 70 percent of the energy that would normally be transmitted up into the building". The four feet long dampers are connected to a steel frame, which sits on six steel anchor piles.

David Fowler of Pacific Hous-

ing Systems has successfully used such steel pier foundations in homes in Palo Alto and Danville. The steel piers are strong enough to handle the full load of the building yet flexible enough to sway and engage the dampers. They are easily installed in all kinds of weather.

Though the Langenbach house has a simple square foundation the system is not limited to such a shape. "Steel framing is stronger and allows more flexibility in design. It is also becoming more cost competitive relative to timber framing," said Fowler.

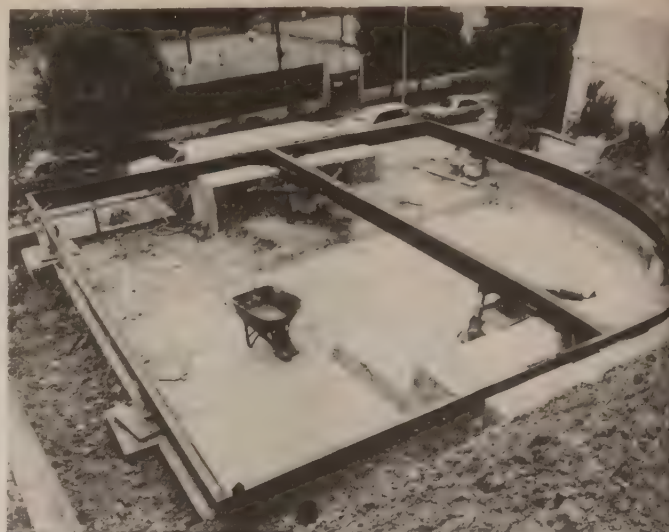
The designers haven't yet finished testing the prototype; they plan to bring in by the UC Berkeley Structural Laboratory's "shaking table" to simulate the sorts of vibrations produced in an earthquake. Using the device St. Onge and his collaborators will be able to more accurately gauge the systems response and its effectiveness under

dynamic conditions.

The designers think that this sort of damper system is a cost-effective and pragmatic choice for homeowners. "Your only options really are either make the whole building stronger, which only works with certain kinds of building materials, or use a different system but they're aren't any, to my knowledge, that are as economical," said St. Onge.

The three entrepreneurs also hope the insurance industry will sit up and take notice. The industry has seen a precipitous rise in costs and premiums in the wake of the Northridge earthquake. In the future a home with a damped sway foundation system may be a realistic prospect for earthquake insurance, thus potentially making such insurance once again affordable to homeowners.

Aidan Hartly is a free-lance writer who lives in Oakland.



The 'damped sway foundation system' uses steel screw piles and viscous fluid dampers to absorb a tremor's destructive energy.

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the model for many other manufacturers.

• Artists and architects associated with and influenced by the "Arts and Crafts Movement" include: William Morris, England; Louis Comfort Tiffany, New

York; Elbert Hubbard, East Aurora, N.Y.; Will H. Bradley, Boston; Harvey Ellis, Rochester; Frank Lloyd Wright, Chicago; Bernard Maybeck, Berkeley; Irving Gill, San Diego; Dirk Van Erp, San Francisco; Ernest Batchelder, Pasadena.

• Pasadena architects Charles and Henry Greene were primary

exponents of the "Arts and Crafts Movement" in America, influenced by their early wood and metalworking training and by their exposure to Japanese architecture at the Chicago "World's Columbian Exposition" in 1893.

• When the first issue of The Craftsman appeared in October 1901, Charles was impressed by

the writings and designs of Gustav Stickley and was inspired to design the furnishing that would complement the houses he created with his brother, Henry.

The Thorsen House furniture represents the height of the Greenes' designs imaginative, unique, decorative, yet simple in conception and execution in true Arts and Crafts tradition.

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Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

5991 GLENARMS DR, Montclair 3+2+ just listed, level-out garden \$399,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

7470 WOODROW DR, Custom built 2bd/2b +den, lovely level grounds \$375,000
The GRUBB Company, Helen Buty 339-0400

2275 MASTLANDS, Piedmont Pines, just listed, 3bd/2+ba, FDR \$369,000
Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittingslow 339-1174

5022 CRYSTAL RIDGE, Spacious, bedrm & bath on main fl, FDR \$349,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174

6206 CLIVE, Montclair, big beautiful 4+bd/3 1/2ba, au-pair \$349,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Herb Manor 869-4227

6596 CHABOT RD, Above College, nw listing, beautiful 3+bd/1 1/2ba, study, well detailed, Tarpoft & Talbert, Anet Tarpoft 653-2050

456 FLORENCE, Upr Rockridge 3bd/2ba trad, level-out yard & deck \$339,000
Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460

6916 BRISTOL DR, Claremont Hts, 4bd/3ba, 3000 sq ft \$338,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Ray Pruitt 287-5904

6649 OAKWOOD DR, Montclair 3bd/2 1/2ba contemporary, bay view \$325,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900

6294 BULLARD DR, Montclair 2+bd/2ba, room to expand, reduced! \$325,000
Mason-McDuffie, Jennifer Jones 428-0900

6401 ZINN, Montclair 8 rooms w/solarium & spa, 4bd/3 1/2ba \$325,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Margie Wright 869-4251

6850 GUNN, Montclair 3bd/2b, in-law setup, lots parking, EZ access \$325,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Ringo Liu 287-5849

6848 RIDGEWOOD, Montclair large 4bd/2ba, spacious courtyard \$319,000
Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-6409

5500 ESTATES DR, Upr Rockridge, serene, private 4+3, gdn, decks \$319,000
The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400

4388 TERRABELLA, 3bd/2 1/2ba, close to shops, transp, hiking \$310,000
The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

5862 CHABOT CT, Rockridge immaculate 3/1 craftsman, sep studio \$309,000
Better Homes, M. J. McConville 339-4000

701 GLENDEME CIR, 3+2, custom art deco, unique quiet setting \$307,500
David Reichel 652-9484 SUNDAY 2-5

6416 HEATHER RIDGE WY, Montclair 3bd/2b lg sunny lot, pvt deck \$299,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

4152 BALFOUR, Reduced! Crocker 3+bd, bay view, level yard \$299,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 531-7000

5697 CABOT DR, Montclair 2+bd/2ba Colonial, nw kit, h/wds, office \$299,000
Pacific Union, Tom Wurst 339-6460

5826 BALBOA DR, Montclair 3bd/1ba bright/cheerful, hardwoods \$299,000
Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460

1760 GOULDIN, Fab setting! Montclair 3bd/1 1/2ba level-in \$295,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

6941 SHEPHERD CANYON, sunny hideaway, 3/2 +lg lovely gardn \$292,000
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400

4374 TERRABELLA WAY, 3bd/2 1/2ba, Upr Redwd Rd model home \$292,000
Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400

6709 THORNHILL, Montclair 3bd/2 1/2ba contemp, walk to swim club \$289,900
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653

6655 MOORE DR, Piedmont Pines 3bd/2b, reduced again! nds TLC \$289,500
Better Homes, Ken Ferrell 814-9036

1890 CLEMENS RD, Premium quality! remodeled 2bd Tudor, den \$289,000
Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 531-7000

2686 MOUNTAIN GATE WY, Montclair 3/2 just listed! rec rm, deck \$289,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

6360 BROOKSIDE, Upr Rockridge rustic 2bd/1 1/2ba charmer, office \$287,000
Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174

4244 LAGUNA, Cook's delight! 330K kit remodel, 3bd, bay/bridge vw \$279,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 531-7000

5851 MCANDREW DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba custom, serene site, value! \$279,000
Mason-McDuffie, Sherri Oakley 428-0900

5814 SNAKE RD, Montclair, excellent bay, walk to shops, 2+2 1/2 \$271,000
Coldwell Banker, Dell Orr 339-1174

4406 EDGEWOOD AV, Just listed! Glenview spacious 3bd bungalow \$267,500
Templeton Company, Gini Enck 652-2133 X133

4329 TOWNSEND AVE, Glenview 3+bd/1ba craftsman, best area! \$265,000
Better Homes, Steven Biasatti 339-6160 X239

3956 FRUITVALE AVE, Just listed, 3bd/2ba sunny, all remodeled \$265,000
Better Homes, Sam Ghaderi 339-4000

2303 TIFFIN, Oakmore, new listing! 3/2 fab rehab, Montclair schls \$259,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239

1558 HOLMAN, Great houses/area/condition! 2/1, new kitchen \$251,500
Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000

3971 WHITTLE, Dimond, large updated 4bd/2 1/2ba home \$399,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Ed Marshall 869-4244

4406 WHITTLE AVE, Oakmore 3bd/2ba, wooded setting, pvt patio \$399,000
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

1848 DRAKE, Montclair, 2bd/2ba, frpl, rumpus, patio, fruit tree \$399,000
Coldwell Banker, Jim Duffy 339-1174

6726 SARONI DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba w/all new decks, updated bdrms \$399,000
Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653

4727 EL CENTRO, 1st Open! charming Spanish Med, 2 1/2, rumpus \$399,000
Better Homes, Nancy Novick 531-7000

297 RISHALL DR, Crestmont, just listed! updated, sweeping bay \$399,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174

1924 OAK CREST, Upr Oakmore 2/2, huge reduction/grt value \$399,000
Mason-McDuffie, Elisabeth Belle 428-0900

1960 MAGELLAN, Montclair, walk to village, updated 2/1, bargain \$399,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, B. Boze 869-4216

747 CALMAR AVE, Crocker, 3bd/1ba charmer, FDR, deck, hot tub \$399,000
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842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 units, 2 garages, MUST SELL! \$399,000
Owner 834-8768 SUNDAY 11-5 & MONDAY 11-5 5% DOWN

2 EASTWOOD, Montclair, quiet, private paradise, 2+bd/1ba \$399,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mark Cujak 869-4237

4209 DUNSMUIR, Redwood Hts 2+bd/2ba just listed! remodel \$399,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

335 NEWTON, Haddon Hill Victorian, 4/1 1/2, restored attic/barn \$399,000
Better Homes, Elaine Jones 339-4000

5828 COLTON BL, 3+bd/2ba grt fixer, walk to village, price reduced \$399,000
Mason-McDuffie, Barry Klein 428-0900

3993 LYMAN RD, Oakmore 3bd/1 1/2ba, solid house, value! level yr \$399,000
Better Homes, Lyn Murray 339-8400

3869 LYMAN, 3bd/1b, remodel kit, nw paint/carpet, no fixing needed \$399,000
Gadsby & Associates, Shel 748-5300

561 AILEEN, Idora Park, elegant, spacious w/pls rooms, 4bd/2ba \$399,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217

6650 ARMOUR, 3bd/2ba \$399,000
Coldwell Banker, Mahmood Mokari 486-1495

5856 CHABOT CT, Rockridge 2bd/1ba \$399,000
Coldwell Banker, Tricia Swift 486-1495

5763 FLORENCE TERRACE, Montclair, secluded cottage, walking distance to Montclair Village, Arista RE 527-1770 SUNDAY 2-4

3740 CANON AVE, Special quality Med, 2+bd/1ba, decks, garden \$399,000
Templeton Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122 SUNDAY 2-4

50 RAMONA AVE, Piedmont Ave 2bd, nw kit/bath, sunporch, charm \$399,000
The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400

6400 PINEHAVEN, Montclair 3bd/1b best buy! peaceful setting/peace \$399,000
Coldwell Banker, Jeffrey Himmel 428-0900

3924 ROBLEY TER, Off Piedmont Ave, nr transit/shop/dining, 2bd \$399,000
Wells & Bennett, Frank Henner 531-7000

1016 NORWOOD, Crocker, light & bright 2bd/2ba, bonus rm, hot tub \$399,000
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174

3977 GREENWOOD, Glenview charming & spacious 2 1/2 bungalow \$399,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Allison Austin 286-7620

3732 WOODRUFF, Glenview 2bd/1ba split level, formal dining rm, full basement, great location! 458-5609 Agent, SUNDAY 2-4

3201 SHEFFIELD AVE, 3bd/1+ba, just listed! Medit charmer \$399,000
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460

2653/51 GRANDE VISTA, Duplex, gardens, upgrades, 2bd w/all \$399,000
Gadsby & Associates, George 748-5300

9012 BURR, 3bd/2ba, remodeled kitchen & baths, good view! \$399,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, F. Owens 869-4217

1436 E. 38TH ST, Glenview 2bd/1ba, A-1 location! new kitchen \$399,000
Better Homes, Rachel Blair 530-5860

2821 MORGAN AVE, Laurel 3bd/1+ba, just listed, basement, yard \$399,000
Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460

2556 RAMPART, Lincoln Hts 2bd/1ba, lg corner lot, exc. neighborhood \$399,000
Pacific Union, Helen Danhaki 339-6460

3734 MCLELLAND, 2bd/1ba bargain! upgrades, move in condition \$399,000
Gadsby & Associates, George 748-5300

3107 KINGSLAND, Maxwell Park, 3bd/1ba, bright bungalow, hot tub \$399,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

367 VERNON #3, Adams Point fab 2 story 2bd/1ba, frpl, hot tub \$399,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, M. Dresser 869-4224

3231 DAKOTA ST, Laurel, charming, clean 2/2 starter, sunny vw \$399,000
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174

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DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

REAL ESTATE FORUM



DIAN HYMER

To maximize your chances of success, hire the best home inspector you can find. Your real estate agent can recommend home inspectors to you, and they are listed in the yellow pages of the phone book.

But, don't hire an inspector blind without first checking references. Ask friends who purchased recently for recommendations. An inspector who is recommended by both your agent and by a friend who's opinion you respect is probably a good bet.

Interview each inspector you are

Turn to ASHI inspector for competent results

considering before you decide on one. Find out how long the inspector has been inspecting homes in the area. Out-of-area inspectors may not be familiar with local conditions.

Find out how many inspections each inspector does in a year. A good, active inspector will inspect at least two hundred homes a year.

Make sure the inspectors work full-time doing home inspections, and that they are not also in the business of contracting to fix defects uncovered during an inspection. There is a potential conflict of interest if you use an inspector who might be bidding work for himself or herself.

The state of Texas licenses indi-

viduals as home inspectors. But most states, including California, do not. In states that do not license home inspectors, virtually anyone can operate as a home inspector. You need to be especially careful hiring a home inspector in a state, like California, where licensing is not required.

The American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) is a trade group association for home inspectors. Membership is restricted to applicants with experience.

ASHI membership does not guarantee that you will get a good inspection. But, an inspector who is an ASHI member, in good standing, is likely to exhibit a level of professionalism that might not ex-

ist with a nonmember inspector.

Ask each inspector to describe the scope of the inspection. A home inspector should complete a thorough examination of all the major home components and systems: the roof, attic, foundation, basement, garage, drainage, electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling systems, walls, floors, fireplaces and chimneys, windows, doors—the works.

But, some inspectors don't check roofs, others won't check out the drainage system. Make sure that you'll get the kind of inspection you want and need.

Find out what the inspector charges, but don't base your final decision solely on the fee. This is one area where you don't want to skimp. Also, make sure that your inspector has errors and omissions insurance which covers home inspections.

Let your home inspector know that you will be attending the gen-

eral home inspection. This is a must. Schedule the inspection at a time when you can be available, and plan on devoting several hours to this endeavor.

There are several reasons why it's important for you to be there. Attending the inspection allows you the opportunity to ask the inspector about defects while you are at the property. This way, you can see, and understand, what the inspector is talking about.

If you are a first-time buyer, and you know little about house construction, the written inspection report may read like a foreign language unless you have walked through the property with the inspector.

Also, attending the on site inspection is an excellent learning experience. The inspector will be able to educate you about good home maintenance so that you will know what you will need to do to preserve

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Transferring has been a difficult task. It's impossible to try to relate in the present the inspection for you a detailed report.

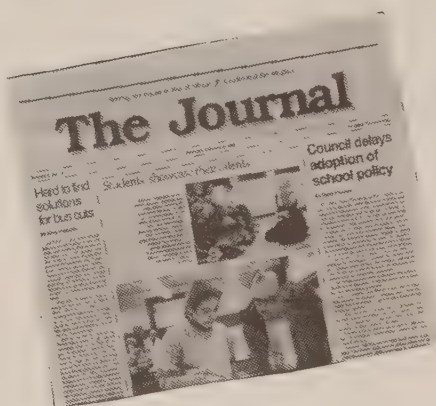
Ask him or her to be an estate agent, to take the inspection. The auditor's written report, can be sent to you. Call the inspector. You have any questions, recap of the inspection.

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MYSTERY Book Club, meets monthly at my house. Call Pat, 522-3936

TENNIS Player to rally with strong intermediate player Monday-Friday 3:30 weekends Call Jennifer, 531-4413

URGENT! Host families needed for French high school exchange students July 10-31 or August 6-27 Daniel 339-1107

206 Found

PUPPY, small mix, golden/brown, huge ears 51st and Telegraph, June 3 Owner/adopt. 769-6452. Adopt, rescue, FFCV OM, 3800 Coolidge Ave, Oakland 94602

COCKATIEL, found May 31, Oakland Hills Call to identify 444-3003

GERMAN Shepherd male, 10 months? Call to identify 658-2712

SWEET older dog, large, black, grey muzzle, needs a home Please Redwood Heights area. 531-9099

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps Marc 510-444-3204

ADORABLE kittens rescued from stray mom Black white, fluffy tiny friend 482-8010

CREAK kittens, lively, happy, human cared for, weaned, litter trained Good health 8 weeks 614-5592

"SASSY", sweet, 7 month female cat, gray/white Needs childless/birdless home Donation, Linda, 531-3856

"ISA", female, 1 year dark Tabby, DMH, white paw/sock, fluffy tail Donation Marc, 444-3204

"SMOKEY", 1 year, DLH, male, gray/white, very affectionate but shy. Donation Marc, 444-3204

208 Lost

CAT, bright orange with lighter orange stripes/swhs. June 1. "Tony". Reward: \$300-7827, please

CAT, male, 4 year old Himalayan, seal point, blue eyes Moraga/Thornhill 800-971-5263

PRESBYTERIAN glasses, black rims, neoprene case, Berkeley garage sales, May 18 547-5448

REWARD: Female calico striped cat, 8 pounds, green eyes, no collar. Frantic owners 510-266-6243

CAT, female \$100 reward. Fluffy, gray/white, crooked tail. May 23rd Delores Ave/ Glenview 530-2057

CAT, male neutered, Burmese, sable brown, "Mailing" Pale Ave., Piedmont, May 24th Reward, 652-3207, 531-0121

CAT, small male Siamese El Cerrito Hills Monday June 3rd Reward: 232-6284

BIRD: Cockatiel, yellow/white/gray Lost June 9, Harrison/Bayview, 658-6533. We miss him!

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447

SMILES DAY SCHOOL
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303 Instruction & Tutoring

A LEARNING PLACE

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EMPLOYMENT

401 Help Wanted

ABSOLUTELY great job! North Berkeley pharmacy, full-time sales position open for intelligent people person 528-6414

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant. Experienced in bookkeeping, computer, and phone skills. Excellent verbal/writing communication skills, ability to work under pressure. Mail resume to: Administrative Assistant, 1300 Encinal Ave., Alameda, CA 94501

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant for Berkeley survey research center to do phone reception, clerical duties, coordination functions and various tasks. Requires: Excellent communication skills, working knowledge of WordPerfect and Spreadsheet, flexibility, outgoing personality. Full-time, \$11+/hour, DOE plus all benefits. Richard 486-1112

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ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant to event/conference planner. Committed to producing results, highly professional, sense of humor under pressure, calm. Successful experience with detail-oriented work, organizing, organizational ability, good writing and telephone skills. Mac, Filemaker Pro proficiency a must. 10-12 hours per week. Fax cover letter and resume 601-5696

APARTMENT Manager. Mature, responsible worker for 18 units close to Piedmont. Light maintenance and repairs. Resume to P.O. Box 10005, Oakland 94610

APARTMENT Resident Manager team with experience. Nice 36 unit building, North Berkeley. Fax resume, 510-525-1906, Attention Heidi

BOOKKEEPER part-time, 10-12 hours per week. \$10/hour. Send resume to: Wilflower & Co., 5770 Hills, Emeryville 94608

BOOKKEEPER for dynamic, fast-growing law technology company. Part-time, 20-25 hours. Responsible for A/R, A/P, billing, cash reconciliation, payroll, time records, P/L statements and job costing. Must be proficient with QuickBooks and Lotus. Minimum 2 years' accounting experience. Congenial working environment in Oakland City Center area. Fax resume and cover letter Fast Track Litigation Support, 510-834-9800

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Permanent part-time front office experience a plus. Friendly Albany office 510-526-1757 ask for Cindy or Kathleen

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DENTAL Hygienist for long-term, 2-3 days/week in well-established Berkeley family practice 510-841-2922

DENTAL Hygienist per diem/office nurse, mature, diabetes background helpful. 1 day. Phil Hill, Oakland 834-3414

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401 Help Wanted

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WE ARE RECRUITING! See our ad under Administrative Assistant.

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TEACHER for Nursery School, North Berkeley, part time, mornings BA preferred, ECE units required 525-7200/527-7765.

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VOLLEYBALL COACHES

San Leandro Unified School District seeks Varsity Volleyball coach and Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach. For information, contact: Paul Doohan, 667-6080; John Casey, 667-3518.

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402 Independent Employment

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

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403 Salon Opportunities

HAIRSTYLIST: creative, independent-minded individual wanted for station rental in Berkeley. Please call 639-6080.

TOPPS Salon looking for Professional Stylist for station rental and Assistant Stylist. Cheryl at 510-893-2587.

404 Volunteer Opportunities

IMMEDIATE openings for volunteers at Project Open Hand! Call now 510-506-8200.

THE Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center is seeking computer literate volunteers to help cancer patients and their families utilize the patient resource center. Volunteers would assist patients in using the multimedia library, CD-ROM and Internet. Those interested call 510-204-1769.

406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627.

CENTRAL American refugees seek employment in housecleaning, gardening, childcare, painting, moving. Skilled and reliable. 533-1119.

APARTMENT! Property manager desires unique situation, 15 years experience. All aspects of maintenance/security. 510-536-3186.

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408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

WANTED: qualified person with automobile and current CDL to live in 5 days per week to care for elderly couple. Good cooking a MUST! Other duties included shopping and very light housekeeping. For an interview, please call 547-2563. This is not an agency.

409 Childcare Wanted

CHILD CARE needed for 2 children ages 6 and 11. 3-7 p.m., 4 days/week. Call Jan 648-4375.

FAMILY Helper, 3 afternoons, 3-6:30 some weekend evenings, pick-up and care for 2 active boys & 4 light meals, errands. Long-term. Must enjoy and have experience with children, valid CDL and car. 525-7915.

BABYSITTER/Helper 7 year old boy, 5 year old girl. Part-time, Monday, Friday. Some whole days. Experience, car, English. 654-8482.

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LOVING childcare, 1 year old boy. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, full days, more hours possible. English speaking, car, experienced. Berkeley 548-9224.

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NANNIES

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SEEKING child to share with our 10 month old son in our home, Piedmont/Oakland area, wonderful babysitter! 411-5523, evenings.

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CHILD CARE/Daycare, 16 months and older. Preschool activities, structured, Montessori work. License #102706795 935-6830.

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412 Babysitting Offered

PROFESSIONAL Piedmont area nanny. Part-time, Monday, Tuesday, Friday beginning September or full-time share with current 3 year old. 30 years experience, CPR, safe driver. Excellent references. 801-0497 days; 653-7548 evenings.

WONDERFUL nanny is available, full/part-time. Loving, reliable, car, and experienced. Preferred in the new year. Call 339-3167; Nicole, 558-9127.

CPR trained, experience with toddlers and infants. Available in July. Dorothy at 568-4559.

MOST wonderful nurse au pair, summer one-on-one with possible extra cash in Fall. Reasonable. Rockledge 585-1808.

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413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 408.

A CARING CONNECTION Bonded, quality home care services: personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 524-8076.

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501 Businesses For Sale

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502 Business Opportunities & Services

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601 Antiques & Art

MOVING: Large oak desk; \$125. Two matching Knoll couches/black metal; \$190. Dresser/mirror; \$200. TV cart; \$25. 510-530-4470; 510-486-1070.

602 Appliances

USED washer/dryer, refrigerator, stove and wall heater (almost new). Please call 415-931-3146.

603 Garage & Estate Sales

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605 Home Furnishings

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NAUTILUS home abdominal machine, \$275. 654-7398.

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606 Miscellaneous For Sale

MAC Color computer iGx, 8/80, Modem, key board, excellent condition, \$595. MAC Plus \$100. 521-0883.

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

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607 Miscellaneous Wanted

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704 Housing Wanted

TRUSTWORTHY local couple with excellent references seeks Berkeley Hills or Kensington home near elderly parents. Charming pet included. Long-term. 510-528-2154.

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The Journal June 6, 13, 20, 27, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business: Pacific Grocery Shopping Service, 5029 Gately Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804. Is hereby registered by the following owner: Makia White, 5029 Gately Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 24, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 24, 1996. The Journal June 6, 13, 20, 27, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business: Uncle Rudy's Snow Skite & Wake, 7351 E. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, CA 94515. Is hereby registered by the following owner: Gilbert Cisneros, 22637 Wildwood St., Hayward, CA 94541.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 2, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 2, 1996. The Journal June 6, 13, 20, 27, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business: Living Word Community Church, 1889 School Street, Moraga, CA 94556. Is hereby registered by the following owner: Living Word Community Church, California.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 29, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 29, 1996. The Journal June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business: Diana's Nail Salon, 10558 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530. Is hereby registered by the following owner: Hung Van Nguyen, 420 E. 17th St., #D, Oakland, CA 94606.

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 3, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 3, 1996. The Journal June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 1996.

INVITATION TO BID

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The City of Albany invites bids from qualified Contractors for the MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD RENOVATION PROJECT (Contract No. 96-10) RE-BID

LOCATION OF WORK: 900 Buchanan Street, Albany, California.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The project consists of renovating an existing 75,000 sq. ft. grass athletic field and 6,500 sq. ft. clay/cinder baseball infield. The main elements of the work include: demolition, rough grading, off haul, soil preparation, finish grading, drainage, man-holes/utilities, and install new sod turf, infield soil, irrigation system, valves, wiring, and controller. The area of work is entirely off doors and will be fenced off during the construction of this project. The project is estimated to take approximately two months to complete from the "Notice to Proceed" date.

BID REQUIREMENTS: Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Albany in City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, California, until 2:00 pm, Tuesday, June 18, 1996, at which time bids will be opened by the City Clerk in the Council Chambers. Bids received after this time and oral, telephonic and facsimile transmission bids will not be accepted. Bids must be submitted on a Bidder's proposal form supplied by the City. Bids must be accompanied by a ten (10) percent bid security.

OPTIONAL PRE-BID WALK THROUGH: Bidders may attend a walk-through of the project at 900 Buchanan Street, Albany, California on Monday, June 10, 1996 at 11:00 a.m.

BIDDING AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS: Construction drawings and a book containing construction specifications and bidding and contract documents may be obtained on or after Tuesday June 4, 1996 at Albany City Hall, Community Development & Environmental Resources Department, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 94706. For inquiries, call (510) 524-9543.

NONDISCRIMINATION/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The City of Albany will affirmatively ensure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and that no bidder will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, or national origin in consideration of a contract award or in subcontracts entered into by the successful bidder.

CITY OF ALBANY

By: Jacqueline L. Bucholz, City Clerk

Dated: June 4, 1996

The Journal June 13, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business: J & G Tours, 3377 Betty Lane, Pittsburg, CA 94565.

Is hereby registered by the following owners: Gary L. Clark, 3377 Betty Lane, Pittsburg, CA 94565.

Joy Clark, 3377 Betty Lane, Pittsburg, CA 94565.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 24, 1996.

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Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 24, 1996. The Journal June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business: Specialty World, 1004 View Dr., El Sobrante, CA 94803.

Is hereby registered by the following owners: Kevin Benoit Briggs, 1004 View Dr., El Sobrante, CA 94803.

Deborah Jean Briggs, 1004 View Dr., El Sobrante, CA 94803.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on June 3, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on June 3, 1996.

The Journal June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business: 1) American Hemp Council, 2) Business Alliance for Commerce in Hemp, 3) Family Council on Drug Awareness, 1224 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Is hereby registered by the following owners: Chris Conrad, 1224 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Monica Norris, 1224 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on March 1989.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 29, 1996.

The Journal June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business: Creative Xpressions, 1224 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Is hereby registered by the following owners: Chris Conrad, 1224 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Monica Norris, 1224 Richmond St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January 1985.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 29, 1996.

The Journal June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 1996.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

Notice is hereby given to section 15035.5 of the corporation code that the partnership composed of Revinder Singh Randhawa and Revinder Singh Randhawa heretofore doing business under the firm name R & P Auto Service and sometimes called R & P Towing and R & P Trucking at 6700 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito, California and formerly at 14500 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, California is dissolving June 5, 1996. The parties started the process of dissolution on 24th of January, 1996 at 9 p.m. and shall finally dissolve on 5th of June 1996 at 12 p.m. by mutual consent.

Dated: May 31, 1996

Signed: Revinder Singh Randhawa

Dated: May 31, 1996



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Signed: Revinder Singh Randhawa

The Journal June 13, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business: Pac/Gro & Associates, 1670 Riviera Ave., Suite 220, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Is hereby registered by the following owners: Stephen De Lucia, 24 Watchwood Ct., Orinda, CA 94563.

Noboru Hasegawa, 38 Merrill Cir., Moraga, CA 94556.

Jim Mogadam, 2580 Monument Blvd., Concord, CA 94521.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 17, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 17, 1996.

The Journal June 13, 20, 27, July 4, 1996.

NOTICE OF BUDGET INSPECTION AND PUBLIC HEARING

The governing board of Albany Unified School District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Final Budget for 1996-97, in accordance with the provisions of Education Code Section 42103, at their regular Board meeting on June 25, 1996. The meeting is called to convene at Cornell Elementary School Multi-Use Room, 901 Cornell Avenue, Albany, CA at 8:10 p.m. Any interested party may inspect the budget on June 21, 1996 any time between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the District Business Office, 904 Talbot Avenue, Albany, CA 94706 and may appear before the governing board at the public hearing and speak to the proposed budget or any item therein.

AUGUST SCORNIENCHI, Superintendent
Alameda County Office of Education

By: PETE YASITIS
Associate Superintendent
Business Services

The Journal June 13, 1996.

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by Karen Senzig

During the past several weeks, while I've been reviewing several East Bay dealerships, I've had the opportunity to admire several new cars. Considering that my "new car", (the one without the name because it is the "good" car) just whizzed past 110,000 miles (and still without new tires), it got me to thinking about those obvious

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Projects

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Five-year street maintenance construction program. Street paving is expected to cost \$100,000 this year; among the top priorities for street resurfacing are portions of Arlington and Terrace Drive. The \$10,000 annual allocation for street modifications is used for five speed humps and for residential streets; "many requests" for such humps anticipated, since the city has recently established a (and more favorable) policy for their installation.

Programs could be funded by Measure C "Return to Source" or other recommended projects.

Upgrading of the El Cerrito Community Center facilities and community swim center. Program expenditures include seismic evaluation of the center, which has been designated as a mass facility in the wake of a disaster, and resurfacing of the training and lap pools. The total costs for the community center include the seismic study, general wiring and the installation of an emergency generator; the system is the most expensive, costing for \$65,000 of a total of \$81,400.

Upgrading of the swim center. Projected to cost \$103,000. Funding sources for these projects have not been identified.

Remodel study for improvement of the Public Safety Building. The 30-year-old building houses the El Cerrito Police Department and the main station of

the El Cerrito Fire Department. Projected remodeling would include replacement of obsolete heating, cooling and ventilation systems, modifications to accommodate female public safety personnel and provision of additional storage.

The remodel study would identify the specific remodeling needs and estimated costs for construction; it would require \$15,000 of the city's general budget for the coming year. Seismic upgrading is expected to cost in excess of \$200,000 and to take place over two years. It is tentatively scheduled to begin in 1997/98, but no funding source has been identified.

• Replacement of aging or unsafe playground equipment at Pointsett Park this year and other parks over the next four years. The goal of the fund is to combine general fund dollars with matching funds from Adopt-a-Park programs.

According to Randall, "Pointsett Park has been selected before other parks due to the commitment of funds and volunteer labor" by its Adopt-a-Park volunteers.

Preparation of the play area is expected to cost \$40,000 this year; replacement of play equipment is scheduled for 1997/98 at a cost of \$25,000.

• Landscape and irrigation improvements for two sections of median islands at Fairmount and Central Avenues, from San Pablo to Carlson. The Design Review Board has reviewed the initial design for the project; carry-over Measure C monies along with general fund monies designated for the Ohlone Greenway will be used to fund the \$24,500 this year, if approved.

• Ohlone Greenway BART path

lighting designed to improve security along the path. The city will apply for a National Recreation and Trails Fund Act grant to provide \$30,000 for the project. To meet the \$60,000 cost, \$30,000 would also have to be utilized from the general fund.

• Tennis court resurfacing is expected to cost \$15,000 annually over the entire five-year program. The El Cerrito Tennis Improvement Association and the city agree that many of El Cerrito's courts are in need of resurfacing; those at Castro School, Tassajara Park, Canyon Trail Park and Harding Park.

In 1994/95, the courts at Cerrito Vista and Arlington Parks were resurfaced with the assistance of the association.

Tennis fees and El Cerrito Tennis Club funds are expected to finance the project each year. Currently, the city intends to establish an ongoing program to resurface the courts every five to seven years, as needed.

Initially, the El Cerrito High School tennis courts have been excluded from the plan; the cost for repairing or replacing those courts has been estimated at about \$80,000.

• Resurfacing of the parking lot at City Hall and correction of drainage problems in the parking area. A general fund allocation of \$22,200 would be required for the project, which has been proposed for 1996/97.

• Projects designed to improve handicapped access to public facilities as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act are expected to be completed this year, after several years of upgrading activity. Projects include the installation of wheelchair ramps at certain street corners and other

locations and a series of modifications at Cerrito Vista Park designed to increase access. Staff anticipates only a \$46,500 contribution to the improvement projects from the city's general fund, with the remaining funding coming from Measure C, Transportation Development Act and county funds.

All the planned ADA improvements should cost about \$145,000.

A 14th project, improvement of the fire road system and fire water supplies within the Hillside Natural Area over a three-year period, is tentatively scheduled to commence in 1997/98, according to the five-year plan. A funding source has not been identified.

The city council has not yet made its final decisions on the proposed budget, which is expected to be finalized at the June 17 meeting.

Among the city council's "high priority" goals for 1996 is a review of the Capital Investment Program and a setting of long term direction for scheduling and funding.

According to Randall, "this will involve a thorough review of the city's strategy for responding to such identified needs as Phase II of the storm drain reconstruction program; renovating, remodeling and seismically upgrading the Public Safety Building and the El Cerrito Library; implementing the Fire Hazard Reduction Program for the Hillside Natural Area; eliminating the backlog of essential street repairs so that the available funding for annual street maintenance will be sufficient to meet the need; and determining a future course of action for a new City Hall to replace the current temporary facilities."

Randall expects the review to begin shortly after Jan. 1, 1997, and to proceed under the Neighbor-to-Neighbor program.

Fire

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cated and stable source of funding" for those services.

"The Task Force achieved a high degree of consensus that this assessment, at its recommended level, modestly and prudently meets both the threats to city revenues and the desire to restore some city services," said Catell.

Fire chief Steve Cutright sees the council's acceptance of the recommendation, though at a different level, as aimed at addressing those same goals.

"El Cerrito has been buffeted with insecurity on its revenue sources," Cutright said. "The city council has said, 'This insecurity in something we depend on needs to be anchored.'"

"In anchoring the revenue sources and reorienting the mix of those sources, (the fire budget) will be not quite so dependent on the vagaries of state government."

A fire assessment is based on the premise that there is a special benefit derived by property owners from the availability of fire suppression

services. The relationship of the benefits "you actually get" and funding for those services is established by an engineer's report. Cutright said the report's findings are based on standards established by the National Fire Protection Association, standards El Cerrito meets and sometimes exceeds.

A \$125 assessment per property owner (single family residence) would cover about half the cost of the city's fire services (excluding costs of a fire services contract with Kensington), Cutright said.

Mayor Cathie Kosel felt the \$125 figure was too high and would have preferred to stick with the task force's recommended \$75. The other four council members directed staff to use the \$125 figure in preparing the final engineer's report for consideration June 17.

About 85 percent of the city's general revenues are spent directly or indirectly on police and fire services. Monies generated by the assessment revenues would "free up" general operating budget funds now used for fire for other purposes.

Time to swim in El Cerrito

The City of El Cerrito splashes into summer with a number of activities both fun and physical for all ages.

Spring swim lessons for children are currently in progress, with three lessons remaining. Summer swim lesson sessions for group and private classes begin June 17 and continue with the last session ending Aug. 23. Instruction is offered mornings, afternoons, and evenings.

Special-arrangement private les-

sons are available on a limited basis for adults and to suit special needs for scheduling or ability. Parent/Child classes are available June 9-Sept. 29 on Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-noon.

For more information, a swim lesson packet can be picked up at 7007 Moerer Lane in El Cerrito at the Community Center office during office hours, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., or after office hours in the mail box outside the office. For further information, call 215-4375.

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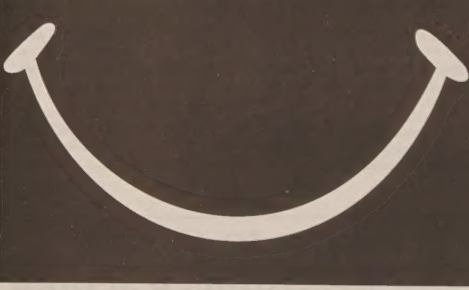
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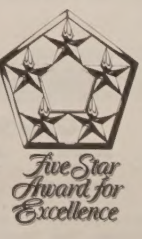
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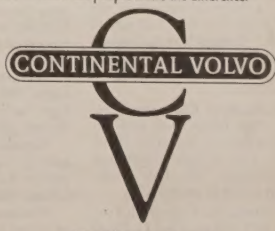
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Goings on About Town

Events, meetings, classes...

Alameda Recycling Board: June 13: Meeting at 7 p.m., at West Berkeley Senior Center, 1900 Sixth St., Berkeley.

Albany Adult School at 655 Key Route Blvd., Albany, June 18, 20: Learn how to prepare and present a variety of sushi. 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. \$21. "Buying A Home," 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$11. June 19: Cooking for Campers and Boaters. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Albany Pool walk-in registration for summer swimming lessons has begun. 904 Talbot. Call 559-6648 for information on pool programs.

Alliance for AC Transit. Protest cuts in AC Transit service at noon on June 16 at 14th and Broadway, Oakland. 433-2882.

Alta Bates Medical Center, Berkeley, June 11 and 13: "Healthy Living with Diabetes," a series designed to teach self-care skills including diet management, insulin administration and blood-sugar self-monitoring, at 2500 Ashby Avenue, Berkeley, from 6-8 p.m. Fee: \$50 but is paid by most HMOs. Partners are encouraged to attend free of charge. Class size is limited, so to register or for more information please call 1-800-606-ALTA. Bay Physician Medical Group members who belong to a health maintenance organization call 1-800-594-WELL.

Call 204-1928 to register or receive information. June 18: lecture on Cesarean Birth. Indications for cesarean birth as well as the procedure itself will be discussed. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at First Floor Auditorium, 2450 Ashby Campus, Berkeley. Free. June 20 - July 18: Course on Acupuncture for Health and Enjoyment. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Community Center. For more information call 215-4371. Free. June 22, July 27, August 17: One day seminars on hand and foot reflexology, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Community Center. \$15.

Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club is open daily 9:30-3:30 except Monday and Thursday. Free instruction is available each Wednesday and Saturday 10 a.m. - noon 841-2174

Berkeley Community Chorus Orchestra will give a full-day workshop and informal concert of J.S. Bach's Cantata No. 21, "Eich Hätte Viel Bekümmernis," on Sat., June 15, from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Arlington Church, 2520 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Preregister at 8:45. \$15 tuition plus score if needed. 525-5393.

Berkeley Hiking Club meets at Shattuck Avenue and Berkeley Way before leaving at the following times for hike spots. June 16: Point Reyes. 8:30 a.m. departure. Reconvene Bear Valley Visitor's Center. 8-mile hike. 237-3327. June 16: Mini hike - Muir Woods. 9:30 a.m. departure. Reconvene at Muir Woods Overflow parking lot. 4-6 miles. 841-1608.

Berkeley Macintosh Users Group (the world's largest) offers free Mac classes to the public Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m. Call 549-2684.

Berkeley Public Library is providing free training for adult volunteers who want to tutor adults with reading difficulties in Berkeley's Literacy Program. Training date: Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call 644-8595 to register today.

North Berkeley Senior Center. June 13: Buddhism & Life of Buddha through Art in Asia, 1 p.m. Housing Problems with Community Law Center, 3 p.m. June 14: Ennagram, personality study, a 10-week session at 1 p.m. Video Opera: *IL Tabarro* at 1 p.m.

Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Avenue at Vine, Berkeley. All events free. June 13, 7:30 p.m.: Gail Tsukiyama will read from *The Samurai's Garden*. June 16: Mary Street Alinder at 7:30 p.m. June 17: David Berlinsky at 7:30 p.m. June 18: Daniel Duane at 7:30 p.m. June 19: Pete Hautman at 7:30 p.m. June 20: Kim Barnes at 7:30 p.m.

Book Sale June 15 and 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Albany Library and Community Center, 1251 Marin.

Children's Hospital Oakland June 17: Northern California Sickle Cell Summer Camp for the Annual Blues and Jazz Extravaganza Benefit at Kimball's East located at 5800 Shellmound St. in Emeryville. VIP reception: 6 p.m. Concert: 7 p.m. For more information, contact CDA Consulting Group at 530-4461. To charge tickets by phone call Kimball's East at 658-2555.

Church Vacation School: Friendship Adventures with Jesus, June 17-21 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 3 to 12 years. Cost is \$10. Call 848-9132. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1940 Virginia St., Berkeley.

CityRock Rock climbing, 1250 45th St., Emeryville. Starting June 14, on second Friday of every month, women receive day passes, beginning climbing lessons, and rentals for half-price, and climb for half-price from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Starting June 21, on the third Friday of every month, same deal for men. June 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Beginning rock-climbing class at Cragmont Park, Berkeley. \$80. June 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Intermediate rock-climbing at Cragmont Park. \$80. Every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesday from 3:30 to 6 p.m.: Children's Belay at CityRock. \$15. Every Thursday: children's classes at the CityRock Youth Club from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. \$11. Children's rock climbing day camps will be on the following dates: June 17 to 21: 8-10 years, from 2-5 p.m. \$200. 654-2510.

City Commons Club: June 14: Professor Tom Taylor, will give the lecture: "The Jury - a Search for Truth and Justice." June 21: Robert Hardwicke will give lecture: "The Last Rustic Community in Urban America."

Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. At 7:30 p.m., June 13: Floyd Salas. June 19: William Talcott, Owen Hill and Summer Brenner. June 20: Patricia Ireland at 7:30.

Contra Costa Hills Club. June 16: Seven-Mile Tamalpais Loop Hike from Muir Woods to Bootjack Camp. 529-

2084. June 20: San Leandro Walk to Oyster Bay for lunch. All welcome; free. Bring lunch, beverage. 532-8340.

Denise Pate's Dance Troupe will give a free performance at 3 p.m. on June 15 in the children's room of the Berkeley Public Library, 2090 Kittredge. 649-3943.

Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore at 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 1617 Locust St., Walnut Creek. Thursday, June 13, 7:30: Italian scholar and author Laura Stortoni gives free lecture in Berkeley on "Sara Copio Sullam (1590-1641): The Beautiful Poet of the Venice Ghetto." Plus dramatic reading of Sullam's Manifesto by Laura Sheppard. 843-3533.

East Bay Chapter of the California Native Plant Society sponsors regular hikes, lectures and activities. Visit their web site under keywords: "California Native Plant Society." 464-4977. June 15: potluck picnic at 4:30 p.m. at Tilden Botanic Garden. 234-2913.

The City of El Cerrito, at 7007 Mooser Ln. For info on any of the following programs, call: 215-4371. July 1-Aug. 15: **Preschool in the sun** for children ages 21 months to 5 years. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon. \$43.20 for residents. \$49.80 for non-residents. June 27-July 25: **Spanish for Children.** Tuesdays and Thursdays. 2-3 p.m. For grades K-3, 3-4 p.m. For grades 4-6. \$30; residents of EC. \$34.50; non-residents. June 22-Aug. 17: **Ceramics for Youth.** Saturdays. 9:30-11:30. \$60.70 for residents. \$69.80 non-residents. June 19-July 31: **Children's Ballet.** Wednesdays. 4-4:30 p.m. For ages 3.5 to 5, 4:30-5 p.m. For ages 5-10: \$25 for residents, \$28.75 for non-residents.

The El Cerrito Community Center at 7007 Mooser Ln., El Cerrito. June 1-July 6: Bridge classes. \$30 pre-registration required. 10 a.m. to noon. 233-5401. May 17 to June 14 and June 21-July 19: Salsa Dance Classes at the Skylight room of the EC Community center. 6 o'clock: Beginners, 8-9 Intermediate. \$20 per month, \$7 drop-in. May 17 to June 14, and June 21 to July 19: Beginning Ballroom Dancing at the Skylight room. No partner needed. 6 o'clock 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Ecology Center continues its gardening class series with "Gardening with Native Plants" on Sat., June 15, at 2530 San Pablo Avenue in Berkeley from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. \$5 gen. \$4 members. No one turned away for lack of \$5. 548-2220 to register.

Evelyn C. White, author and journalist, will speak on Thursday, June 13, at the South Branch Library, 1901 Russell (at MLK Jr. Way) at 7:30 p.m., as a part of the Library's celebration of Lesbian and Gay History Month. 644-6860.

Finnish Hall, 1819, 10th St. and Hearst, will begin offering art classes to children of all ages on June 21. Also classes for adults. 528-9090.

Gaia Bookstore and Community Center. June 13-16: International Goddess Festival with Z. Budapest. Festival price: \$300. 444-7724. June 13, at 7:30 p.m.: Paul Kivel. June 14: Soundings of the Planet World Concert [performance] at 7:30 p.m. \$8. June 15, 16: Live Oak Park Fair. June 19: Sara Halprin at 7:30 p.m. June 20: Dr. John Lee at 7:30 p.m.

Grizzly Peak Flyfishers. Thursday 13: June meeting at Kensington Youth Hut, 59 Arlington Ave. in Kensington. Free. 530-6489.

Half-Price Books, 2525, Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. June 15: author's son Charles Koppelman will sign copies of *Say Goodnight to Literacy* from 2-4 p.m. **International Folk Dance Classes** are beginning May 31. Classes meet Fridays from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains St. \$47-6355 or 769-9759.

Judah L. Magnes Museum. On exhibition through July 14: "This Year in Jerusalem: The Passionate Pilgrimage" Rare objects illuminating 3000 years of Jerusalem's importance to West. "David Levinthal: Mein Kampf." Photographic statement of the horror of the Holocaust. "The Italian Jewish Heritage." "Spanier Arbeit." A display of ornate Eastern European Jewish handwork.

Kensington 55+plus Activity Center, open Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Phone: 526-9146. June 6: Picnic lunch at Blake Gardens, 11-1 p.m. Fee: \$1.50. Free Blood Pressure Check, 9:30 - 11 a.m. June 13: "In Search of the Impressionists, Part 2." A Jackie Hetman presentation on bargaining through France. June 20: Ancient Sacred Sites. A Winona Virginia Walker Summer Solstice presentation with slides.

KPFA. June 13: 9 a.m. Democracy Now! Radio Nation at 1 p.m. Cover To Cover at 3 p.m. We The People with Jerry Brown at 4 p.m. June 14: 9 a.m. Democracy Now! The Archive Hour: "Why Gay Politics?" at 1 p.m. Cover to Cover at 3 p.m. June 16: Minds over Matter at 6:30. The Golden Age of Radio Revisited at 7:30.

Lawrence Hall of Science, located in the Berkeley hills above the U.C.B. Campus, on Centennial Drive, below Grizzly Peak. LHS is open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors; \$2 for children 3-6 years.

Lewis Suzuki, watercolor artist, will open his studio, at 2240 Grant St., Berkeley, to the public from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 15 and June 16, June 22 and June 23.

Maybeck Recital Hall. June 16: Kenny Werner Improvisation Clinic, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. \$25. 4 p.m. Kenny Werner, piano recital. 525.

National Women's Political Caucus. June 15: Community forum on CCRJ. Public is welcome. 10 a.m.-noon. Laney College, Oakland. 55. 528-8345.

"Nocturnes: Frederic Chopin," an art lecture by David Rosenman-Taub, will be Sunday, June 16, 7:30 p.m., Berkeley Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut Street. Call 845-1919.

North Berkeley Senior Center at 1901 Hears/ MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107. June 17: "Telling the Truth about

Yourself" at 10:30 a.m. Video movie: *Corrina Corrina* at 1 p.m. June 18: "Donna Lerew and her magic violin" at 12:30 p.m. June 19: "Visit Curtains Calling" at 1:30 p.m. June 20: Travel video: *China* at 1 p.m.

Pacific Film Archive presents "Illuminating Ingmar Bergman." June 13: *The Devil's Eye* (1960) at 7. *All These Women* (1964) at 8:45. 2625 Durant Ave. 642-1412. June 16: *Secrets of Women* (1952) at 5:30. *The Silence* (1963) at 7:30. *Hour of the Wolf* (1972) at 9:20. June 20: *Prison* (aka *The Devil's Wanton*) (1949) at 7 p.m. *Summer with Monika* (1953) at 8:35.

Poetry at Cody's bookstore, 2454 Telegraph Avenue. June 19: William Talcott, Owen Hill & Summer Brenner.

Pro Arts East Bay Open Studios. June 22, 23: Susan Grant will show her hand painted home furnishings and accessories at 1425 Milvia St., Berkeley. 828-8926. June 15, 16, and June 22, 23: Susan Brooks and Carol Lee Shanks will show their wearable art and jewelry at the Strawberry Creek Design Center, 1250 Addison St. No. 214, Berkeley. 845-2612.

REI: Preregister for REI Indoor Climbing School, classes begin June 3. \$40 members, \$70 non members; June 15: Martin Dickinson will discuss sleeping bags and insulators at 2 p.m. June 20, 7 p.m.: Overview of clothing, equipment and food needed for a 3-5 day trip. Lori Saldaña will share highlights from her new book, *The Backpacking Primer*.

"Rhythm Week: An Intensive Rhythmic Workshop with Keith Terry," Sun., June 16, 1 p.m. to Fri., June 21, 3:30 p.m. Studio J, 2560 Ninth St., Berkeley. Fee: \$400. For information, call UC Berkeley Extension at 642-4111.

Spiral Gardens, an all-volunteer gardening collective, will be holding the following free educational forums at 59th St. community garden (888 59th St. in North Oakland between Market and Adeline) between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.: June 15: CSA's and Market Gardening.

Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St. between University and Addison, Berkeley. Registration is now open for Vista's 1996 summer session, which runs from July 17-July 26. \$13 per unit. Register at these hours through June 20: Mon. and Tue., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Wed. through Fri., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 841-8860, ext. 231 or ext. 267 for more information.

Waterfront Commission: June 13: Meeting at 6 p.m., at Alameda County Waste Management Authority, 777 Davis St., Suite No. 200, San Leandro.

YWCA, at 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370. Career counseling. 1-hour session \$40 members \$50 non-members. Women's Career Network. Members free \$20 non-members. Self-Assessment for Career Direction. \$120 members \$130 non-members. June 20: Entrepreneurship: Does It Fit You? workshop from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$35 members \$45 non-members. June 17: Support groups for job seekers/career changers, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon, and Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. \$15 members. \$10 non-members. Register before June 18.

YWCA, at 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley (848-6370), offers classes in Flamenco, salsa, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance yoga, karate and aerobics, starting in June, drop in fee, \$6.50-\$8.50. June 18: lecture on careers in biotech and bioscience from 12 noon to 1 p.m. June 19: Career Center orientation from 10 - 11 a.m. Free.

Performances

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 525-5054. June 13: Western Swing dance lessons at 8 p.m. and Lost Weekend at 9 p.m. \$7. June 14: Pele Juju at 9:30 p.m. \$9. June 15: Jai Uttal at 9:30. June 16: The Dotgals at 8 p.m. \$5. June 18: Balkan dance lesson at 8 p.m. Edessa Power Block at 9:30 p.m. \$6. June 19: Creole dance lesson at 8 p.m. Creole Zydeco Farmers at 9 p.m. \$7. June 20: Jo Ann Rand at 9 p.m. \$6.

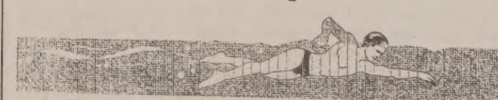
Berkeley Repertory Theatre, at 2025 Addison St., presents *Hurricane/Mauvais Temps*, a one-woman show written and performed by Anne Galjour, plays Tuesdays through Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m., through Sunday, June 30. Tues., Wed., Thurs., price is \$25; Sat evenings, \$34; Sun. evenings, \$28; matinees, \$28. 845-4700.

Crowden School at 2401 Le Conte St., Berkeley. June 14: Colin Hampton, composer, at 8 p.m. 644-2299.

Freight and Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761. Music at 8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and 8:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday. June 13: Alvin Youngblood Hart (album-release show). June 14: Cats and Jammers. June 15: The Edlos. June 16: Susan's Room w/ Susan Streitwieser. June 19: Ralph Blizard And The New Southern Ramblers. June 20: Gillian Welch And David Rawlings.

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Julia Morgan Theatre, College Avenue at Derby, Berkeley. June 14, 15 at 8 p.m., and June 16 at 2 p.m.: "The Incest Project." \$10 general \$7 students, senior, handicapped.

Jupiter at 2181 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. June 14: Ben Rubin Duo at 5 p.m. Fatty Boom Boom at 8 p.m. June 15: Frjoles Blancos at 8 p.m. June 19: What It Is at 8 p.m. June 21: Matt Cowen Duo at 5 p.m. Applejack at 8 p.m. No cover.

La Pena Cultural Center, 1305 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. June 13: The Mission Project band. 8 p.m. \$7 gen. \$5 students. June 14: Osomatti. 8:30 p.m. \$8 gen. \$6 students. June 15: Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeno Band celebrating La Pena's 21st birthday. 9:30 p.m. \$10. June 20, 21: "Greta Sanchez Living in Spanish," a solo performance. 849-2568.

Pusaka Sunda presents West Javanese gamelan degung music. June 15, 8 p.m., at Pacific Cultural Center, 1307 Seabright Ave. \$8 general \$4 kids, seniors. 526-1112.

Opera Stelle Del Ciel. June 14, 16: "Madama Butterfly" at 8 p.m. and 3 p.m., at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft, Berkeley. June 22, 29: "La Traviata" at 8 p.m. and 3 p.m., at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. All shows \$10, \$8 students and seniors. 527-6363.

Starry Plough: Music starts at 9:45 p.m. Fri/Sat, and 9:30 p.m. Thurs. Open electric blues jam Sundays at 8:30 p.m. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-1424. June 13: Goggle. Fatty Love Buckle. \$3. June 14: Dale Watson and Swinging Doors. \$6. June 15: Penelope Houston and Goggy Tah. \$6. June 20: The Pomerians, Aquamen and Kirby Grips. \$5.

"The Sealwoman," a chamber opera by Sarah Michael, will be performed June 20 - 23 at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 8 p.m. Thursday - Sat., 3 p.m. on Sat., June 23. \$12/\$10 on Thurs. and Sun. (one child free on Sunday with an adult at \$12), \$15/\$12 Friday and Saturday. For reservations and more info., call 798-1387. Tickets also available at BASS 762-BASS or 415-776-1999.

Templebar, located at 984 University Avenue, Berkeley. 548-9888. June 16: Father's Day Luau at 3:30 p.m. June 22: Pomehiana Musicians and Dancers of Polynesia at 9:30 p.m.

Yoshi's. June 13 - 16: Joe Lovano Quartet. \$15 Wed/Thurs \$18 Fri/Sat/Sun. 8 and 10 p.m. June 17: Dave Ellis Quartet and the Scott Foster Quartet. \$8 gen \$6 students. Two sets from 8 p.m. June 18: Michael Wolff Trio. \$12. 8 and 10 p.m. June 19, 20: Jack DeJonette Quartet. \$22. 8 and 10 p.m.

Religious Activities

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, at 1501 Washington Avenue, Albany. June 16: one service only this morning, at 9 a.m. Rev. Laurie Willis will preach.

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists: at Cedar and Bonita streets, Berkeley. 841-4824. June 16, 10:30 a.m.: In words and music, women of the Fellowship will tell of their relationships with their fathers.

Environmentally Safe Buddhist Meditation Group seeks new members. Please call Barbara at 525-6574.

Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place Berkeley. 843-6812. Tibetan Chanting 5-6 p.m. every Sunday through July 28. Free. Introduction to Tibetan Buddhist Culture. 3-7 p.m. Free. Every Sunday June 16 - 30 and July 7 - 28. June 16 - 6 - 7 p.m.: Buddhist Philosophy: "The Three Trainings" Irene Elmer. Moral discipline, concentration, wisdom. Introduction to Tibetan Buddhist Culture. Free.

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